

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senator-designate George S. Helmy, of New Jersey, was administered the oath of office by Senator Murray.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5863–S5900

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4992–4998 **Page S5890**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Fighting Fraud: Scams to Watch Out For”. (S. Rept. No. 118–209)

S. 3664, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–210)

S. 2796, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois. (S. Rept. No. 118–211)

S. 2868, to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community. (S. Rept. No. 118–212)

S. 3594, to require governmentwide source code sharing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–213)

S. 4305, to improve the effectiveness of body armor issued to female agents and officers of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–214)

S. 4698, to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–215) **Page S5890**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 126, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport.

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Swearing In of Senator Helmy: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate George S. Helmy, of the State of New Jersey, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S5868**

Message from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–60) **Page S5877**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Proclamation 7463 of September 14, 2001, with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–61) **Pages S5877–78**

Abelson Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Pages S5863–68, S5871

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 231), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5871**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2024; that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Jeannette A. Vargas, of

New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m. **Page S5894**

Lanthier Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont. **Pages S5868–69**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeannette A. Vargas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S5868–69**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5868**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5868**

Provinzino Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S5869–71**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont. **Page S5869**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5869**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Ben Cardin, of Maryland, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Tanya Leigh Flores, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Dan Sullivan, of Alaska, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Michael Trager, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Adam Gamoran, of New York, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2031.

Elizabeth C. Coombe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Sarah Morgan Davenport, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Sharad Harshad Desai, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

10 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Messages from the House: **Page S5878**

Measures Referred: **Page S5878**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:
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Executive Communications: **Pages S5878–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5890–93**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S5876–77**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—231) **Page S5871**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5894.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 9494–9510; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1427–1429 were introduced. **Pages H5096–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5098–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 125, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System relating to “Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions” (H. Rept. 118–651);

H.R. 7480, to amend section 102(a) (20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require the exclusion of service-connected disability compensation when determining whether a person is a person of low and moderate income, a person of low income, or a person of moderate income, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–652);

H.R. 7686, to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–653);

H.R. 2911, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans’ Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–654); and

H.R. 4190, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–655). **Page H5096**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5037**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5039**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign for-

eign talent recruitment restriction: H.R. 7686, amended, to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction; **Pages H5039–41**

Chinese Currency Accountability Act: H.R. 510, amended, to require the United States Governor of, and the United States Executive Director at, the International Monetary Fund to oppose an increase in the weight of the Chinese renminbi in the Special Drawing Rights basket of the Fund; **Pages H5041–42**

Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act: H.R. 554, amended, to deter Chinese aggression towards Taiwan by requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to publish a report on financial institutions and accounts connected to senior officials of the People’s Republic of China, to restrict financial services for certain immediate family of such officials; **Pages H5042–46**

Directing the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions: H.R. 7592, to direct the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions; **Pages H5046–47**

Modernizing the Congressional Research Service’s Access to Data Act: H.R. 7593, to enhance the authority of the Director of the Congressional Research Service to obtain information directly from agencies of the Federal government; **Pages H5047–49**

Confirmation Of Congressional Observer Access Act: H.R. 6513, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections; **Pages H5049–51**

Countering the PRC Malign Influence Fund Authorization Act: H.R. 1157, amended, to provide for the authorization of appropriations for the Countering the People’s Republic of China Malign Influence Fund, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 351 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 401; **Pages H5066–68, H5080–81**

Countering CCP Drones Act: H.R. 2864, amended, to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to provide for the addition of certain equipment and services produced

or provided by DJI Technologies to the list of covered communications equipment or services published under such Act; **Pages H5058–60**

Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act: H.R. 820, amended, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership; **Pages H5060–61**

Removing Our Unsecure Technologies to Ensure Reliability and Security Act: H.R. 7589, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices that combine a modem and router; **Pages H5061–62**

Decoupling from Foreign Adversarial Battery Dependence Act: H.R. 8631, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries; **Pages H5062–63**

Detection Equipment and Technology Evaluation to Counter the Threat of Fentanyl and Xylazine Act: H.R. 8663, to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations; **Pages H5064–65**

Subterranean Border Defense Act: H.R. 7404, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations; **Pages H5065–66**

BIOSECURE Act: H.R. 8333, amended, to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 306 yeas to 81 nays, Roll No. 402; **Pages H5051–58, H5081–82**

Economic Espionage Prevention Act: H.R. 8361, amended, to impose sanctions with respect to economic or industrial espionage by foreign adversarial companies; **Pages H5071–73**

Science and Technology Agreement Enhanced Congressional Notification Act: H.R. 5245, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require certain congressional notification prior to entering into, renewing, or extending a science and technology agreement with the People's Republic of China; **Pages H5074–76**

Sanctions Lists Harmonization Act: H.R. 5613, amended, to require a review of whether individuals or entities subject to the imposition of certain sanctions through inclusion on certain sanctions lists should also be subject to the imposition of other sanctions and included on other sanctions lists; **Pages H5076–77**

Remote Access Security Act: H.R. 8152, amended, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to provide for control of remote access of items; **Pages H5077–78**

No Russian Tunnel to Crimea Act: H.R. 7701, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person that knowingly participates in the construction, maintenance, or repair of a tunnel or bridge that connects the Russian mainland with the Crimean peninsula; **Pages H5078–80**

Export Control Enforcement and Enhancement Act: H.R. 7151, amended, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to provide for expedited consideration of proposals for additions to, removals from, or other modifications with respect to entities on the Entity List; **Pages H5083–84**

Amending the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to the statement of policy H.R. 6606, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to the statement of policy; Recognizing the importance of trilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, and South Korea; **Pages H5084–85**

Recognizing the importance of trilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, and South Korea: H. Res. 1056, recognizing the importance of trilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, and South Korea; **Pages H5085–86**

Securing Global Telecommunications Act: H.R. 4741, to require the development of a strategy to promote the use of secure telecommunications infrastructure worldwide; **Pages H5086–88**

Pacific Partnership Act: H.R. 7159, amended, to bolster United States engagement with the Pacific Islands region; **Pages H5088–90**

Starr-Camargo Bridge Expansion Act: S. 1608, to provide for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas; **Pages H5090–91**

Global Anti-Human Trafficking Enhancement Act: H.R. 7089, amended, to authorize the Diplomatic Security Services of the Department of State to investigate allegations of violations of conduct constituting offenses under chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code; and **Pages H5091–93**

Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act: H.R. 6614, amended, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to licensing transparency. **Pages H5093–94**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the Honorable Bill Pascrell. **Page H5081**

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable William J. Pascrell, Jr.: The House agreed to H. Res. 1427, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable William J. Pascrell, Jr. **Pages H5082–83**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) Certification Act: H.R. 1103, amended, to require the President to remove the extension of certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices if Hong Kong no longer enjoys a high degree of autonomy from the People's Republic of China.

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Senate Referral: S. 612 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture. **Page H5094**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–164). **Page H5082**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond September 12, 2024—referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Judiciary, Intelligence, and House Administration and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–165). **Page H5082**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5080–81 and H5081–82.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 1427, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable William J. Pascrell, Jr.

Committee Meetings

PROTECT AMERICA'S INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC SECURITY FROM CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY ACT OF 2024; NO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS TREATY WITHOUT SENATE APPROVAL ACT; DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND

SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES AND CHINESE ENTITIES OF CONCERN ACT; END CHINESE DOMINANCE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN AMERICA ACT OF 2024; PROTECTING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARIES ACT OF 2024; CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS ACT, 2025

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1398, the “Protect America’s Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024”, H.R. 1425, the “No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act”, H.R. 1516, the “DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act”, H.R. 7980, the “End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024”, H.R. 9456, the “Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024”, and H.R. 9494, the “Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1398, “Protect America’s Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024”, H.R. 1425, “No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act”, H.R. 1516, “DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act”, H.R. 7980, “End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024”, H.R. 9456, “Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024”, and H.R. 9494, “Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1398, “Protect America’s Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–45 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject

to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1425, the “No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–44 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule further makes in order only the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1516, the “DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill pursuant to Part 2 of House Report 118–319, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–46 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule further makes in order only the amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be

subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 7980, the “End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 9456, the “Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 9494, the “Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part D of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lucas, and Representatives Harris, DeLauro, Gooden of Texas, Johnson of Georgia, Self, Dean of Pennsylvania, Pfluger, Ivey, Miller of West Virginia, Kildee, Beatty, and Biggs.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine U.S. companies technology, focusing on the Russian war machine, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “ERISA’s 50th Anniversary: The Value of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Evaluating FDA Human Foods and Tobacco Programs”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “From Introduction to Implementation: A BEAD Program Progress Report”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Decoding DeFi: Breaking Down the Future of Decentralized Finance”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Fall of ESG: Scrutinizing the Failed Use of Environmental, Social, and Governance Standards and the Influence of Proxy Advisors”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Goldman Act Turns 10: Holding Hague Convention Violators Accountable and Bringing Abducted American Children Home”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Biden-Harris Border Crisis: Victim Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “The Biden-Harris Border Crisis: Noncitizen Voting”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Fish and Wildlife Service Gone Wild: Examining Operation Long Tail Liberation”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 6352, the “Tax Stamp Revenue Transfer for Wildlife and Recreation Act”; H.R. 8413, the “Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act”; H.R. 8632, the “BIOSAFE Act of 2024”; H.R. 8836, “Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act”; and legislation to require the Administrator of the National

Marine Fisheries Service to establish a coastal protection and restoration grant program, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, hearing entitled “Where Do We Go From Here? Examining a Path Forward to Assess Agencies’ Efforts to Prevent Improper Payments and Fraud”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “A Hearing with former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Risks and Rewards: Encouraging Commercial Space Innovation While Maintaining Public Safety”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, business meeting on the resolution for the subcommittee assignments of Representative Timothy M. Kennedy, and the resolution for authorization of the issuance of a subpoena, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Accountable or Absent?: Examining VA Leadership Under the Biden-Harris Administration”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Mission Transition: Evaluating Mental Health Support Programs for Separating Servicemembers”, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine supporting Armenia’s democracy and Western future, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

**Week of September 10 through September 13,
2024**

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeannette A. Vargas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. If cloture is invoked, the vote on confirmation of the nomination will be at 2:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Steven S. Nordhaus, USAF, to be general and Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and Vice Admiral Alvin Holsey, USN, to be admiral and Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 12, to hold hearings to examine protecting Americans' money, focusing on combatting scams and frauds against seniors and savers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: September 11, to hold hearings to examine Social Security, focusing on delivering benefits and protecting retirement security, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 11, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, and Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, all to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 11, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, S. 4242 and H.R. 4385, to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 4245 and H.R. 5770, to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, S. 4458, to reauthorize the Reclamation Rural Water Supply Act of 2006, S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, an original bill to establish a new Reclamation program to support collaborative positions at eligible partner organizations to help develop, fund, and implement water projects with benefits for water management and the environment, an original bill to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, an original bill to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Program, an original bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, an original bill to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee and to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety, an original bill to amend Public Law 89-108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, an original bill to make certain modifications to the repayment period and payment of interest for the Fryingspan-Arkansas project in

the State of Colorado, an original bill to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, and H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's lead role in conducting advanced computing research, application, and security, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the 2025 tax policy debate and tax avoidance strategies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 11, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julie Smith, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), Stephanie L. Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Douglas D. Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Michael G. Heath, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, and Mary E. Daschbach, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine anti-NGO laws and other tools of democratic repression, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the bankruptcy of Steward Health Care, focusing on how management decisions have impacted patient care, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 10, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine US companies technology, focusing on the Russian war machine, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 12, business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2220, to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, S. 2140, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address matters relating to patent subject matter eligibility, S. 4713, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 2082, to

make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Ryan Young Park, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Byron B. Conway, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Jonathan E. Hawley, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, April M. Perry, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Gail A. Weilheimer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Joseph R. Adams, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, and David L. Lemmon II, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 10, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

September 11, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House Committees

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Committee on the Budget, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing: Congress and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO): Examining Ways to Improve CBO”, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, September 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5646, the “Stop Campus Hazing Act”; H.R. 7233, the “Jenna Quinn Law of 2024”; H.R. 736, the “PROTECT Kids Act”; H.J. Res. 181, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Definition of ‘Employer’-Association Health Plans”; H.R. 3120, the “Healthy Competition for Better Care Act”; and H.R. 9457, the “Transparent Telehealth Bills Act of 2024”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 11, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “From Gas to Groceries: Americans Pay the Price of the Biden-Harris Energy Agenda”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “A Year Removed: Oversight of Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act Implementation”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 11, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Transparency in Global Governance”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Great Power Competition in Africa”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing entitled “Countering Malign PRC Influence in Europe”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9460, the “DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 9459, the “PATHS Act”; and H.R. 9458, the “Enhancing Stakeholder Support and Outreach for Preparedness Grants Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: Looking Ahead to the 2024 General Election”, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

September 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9488, the “Secure Handling of Internet Electronic Donations Act”; H.R. 7764, the “Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution Act”; H.R. 6394, the “Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act”; H.R. 6969, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the Capitol; H.R. 9489, to Sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, and for Other Purposes; H.R. 9487, to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 to authorize the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives to designate more than one of the attorneys of the Office of the Legislative Counsel as a Deputy Legislative Counsel, and for other purpose; and H.R. 9490, to revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing Office, and for other Purposes, 11:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 11, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “The Consequences of Soft-On-Crime-Policies”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled “The Role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 11, Full Committee, hearing on legislation to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; H.J. Res. 168, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to “National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions Phase 2”; and H.R. 6129, the “Studying NEPA’s Impact on Projects Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9197, the “Small Business Artificial Intelligence Advancement Act”; H.R. 9194, the “Nucleic Acid Screening for Biosecurity Act”; H.R. 9211, the “LIFT AI Act”; H.R. 9215, the “Workforce for AI Trust Act”; H.R. 9402, the “NSF AI Education Act of 2024”; H.R. 9403, the “Expanding AI

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 11, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Waters of the United States Implementation Post-Sackett Decision: Experiences and Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on legislation to amend title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), to include a representative of the National Association of State Veterans Homes on the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); legislation on the Veterans’ Mental Health Access Act; legislation to amend title 38, U.S.C., to require that non-citizen appointees to positions in the Veterans Health Administration are subjected to background investigations prior to employment; legislation on the Enhancing Faith-Based Support for Veterans Act of 2024; legislation on the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act; H.R. 9324, the “Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act”; legislation on the Safeguarding VA’s Healthcare Workforce Act; legislation on the Veterans Supporting Pros-

thetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act; legislation on the Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act; H.R. 9146, the “Ensuring Continuity in Veterans Health Act”; H.R. 7504, the “Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act”; H.R. 6330, the “Veterans Sentinel Act”; H.R. 8562, the “Parity for Native Hawaiian Veterans Act”; H.R. 6291, the “Have You Served Act”; H.R. 9301, to direct the Secretary of VA to include two counties in New Mexico in a certain Veterans Integrated Service Network; and legislation on the Conflict of Interest Waiver for VA Researchers, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9495, the “Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act”; H.R. 3269, the “Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act”; H.R. 190, the “Saving Gig Economy Taxpayers Act”; H.R. 9461, the “USA Workforce Investment Act”; and H.R. 9462, the “Educational Choice for Children Act of 2024”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 10, to hold hearings to examine supporting Armenia’s democracy and Western future, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

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The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through August 31, 2024

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	120	112	..
Time in session	566 hrs., 34'	412 hrs., 54'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,857	5,023	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	855	..
Public bills enacted into law	19	25	44
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	274	353	627
Senate bills	67	20	..
House bills	25	251	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	1	..
House joint resolutions	2	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	8	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	8	13	..
Simple resolutions	161	59	..
Measures reported, total	*155	302	457
Senate bills	124	..	..
House bills	27	267	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	9	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	3	24	..
Special reports	7	6	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	361	146	..
Measures introduced, total	1,792	3,149	4,941
Bills	1,433	2,534	..
Joint resolutions	55	95	..
Concurrent resolutions	16	45	..
Simple resolutions	288	475	..
Quorum calls	5	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	230	221	..
Recorded votes .....	..	178	..
Bills vetoed	1	2	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2024

Civilian nominees, totaling 356 (including 95 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	124
Unconfirmed	227
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,515 (including 745 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	798
Unconfirmed	637
Withdrawn	80
Air Force nominees, totaling 4,613 (including 111 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,433
Unconfirmed	180
Army nominees, totaling 5,853 (including 1,906 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,158
Unconfirmed	695
Navy nominees, totaling 2,094 (including 7 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,083
Unconfirmed	11
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 154 (including 6 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	153
Unconfirmed	1
Space Force nominees, totaling 31 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	29
Unconfirmed	2
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	2,872
Total nominees received this Session	11,744
Total confirmed	12,778
Total unconfirmed	1,753
Total withdrawn	85
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 60 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 296 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeannette A. Vargas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. If cloture is invoked, the vote on confirmation of the nomination will be at 2:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeannette A. Vargas until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 10

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1516—DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 1398—Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024 (Subject to a Rule).

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