

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5957–S6004

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5017–5028, and S. Res. 808–811. **Pages S5979–80**

Measures Passed:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 3764, to extend and authorize annual appropriations for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom through fiscal year 2026, and the bill was then passed.

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Royalty Resiliency Act: Senate passed H.R. 7377, to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to improve the management of royalties from oil and gas leases. **Page S6003**

Patriot Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 810, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2024, as “Patriot Week”. **Page S6003**

Condemning the Horrific Shooting at Apalachee High School: Senate agreed to S. Res. 811, condemning the horrific shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, recognizing the victims, and expressing condolences and support to their families and their communities. **Page S6003**

Ritz Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S5957–66**

Provinzino Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S5973–75**

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

By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 237), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5937**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 12, 2024; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit; and that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz at 1:45 p.m. **Pages S6003–04**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Heather M. Cahoon, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Heather M. Cahoon, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2030. **Page S6004**

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 236), Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont. **Pages S5972–73**

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

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 235), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5966**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—237) **Pages S5966, S5973**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S .)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine social security, focusing on delivering benefits and protecting retirement security, after receiving testimony from Martin O'Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Molly Dahl, Chief of Long-Term Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; Rebecca D. Vallas, National Academy of Social Insurance, and Shai Akabas, Bipartisan Policy Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Roger Boudreau, Rhode Island AFT Retirees Chapter, Wakefield.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing 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, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing 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, bills to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 4245 and H.R. 5770, bills 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 pro-

gram, S. 4996, to amend Public Law 89–108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, S. 4999, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, S. 5000, to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, S. 5005, to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, S. 5011, to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee, to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety, S. 5012, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, S. 5013, to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 5014, to provide for the establishment of a Water Project Navigators Program, 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, after receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Fischer; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julie Smith, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, 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