

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6005–S6039

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5029–5054, S. Res. 812–816, and S. Con. Res. 41.

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Measures Reported:

S. 4000, to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Lytton Rancheria of California. (S. Rept. No. 118–223)

S. 4755, to reauthorize traumatic brain injury programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4762, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs and research relating to autism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4776, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Tracking and Reporting Absent Community—Members Everywhere Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2120, to direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, and the bill was then passed.

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Honoring the Life of Steven D. Symms: Senate agreed to S. Res. 813, honoring the life of Steven D. Symms, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho.

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National Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 814, designating September 2024 as “National Literacy Month”.

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Ritz Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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

By 49 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 239), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2024; and that all time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.

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Costello Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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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 Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 238), Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—239)	Pages S6010, S6013

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Steven D. Symms, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho, in accordance with S. Res. 813, at 3:30 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6037.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROTECTING AMERICANS' MONEY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans' money, focusing on combatting scams and frauds against seniors and savers, including S. 1481, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to postpone the date of payment or satisfaction upon redemption of certain securities in the case of the financial exploitation of specified adults, after receiving testimony from Carri Grube Lybarker, South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs Administrator and Consumer Advocate, Columbia; Sheryl Harris, Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs, Cuyahoga, Ohio; and Amy Nofziger, AARP Fraud Watch Network, Washington, D.C.

ADVANCED COMPUTING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's lead role in conducting advanced computing research, application, and security, after receiving testimony from Helena Fu, Director, Office of Critical and Emerging Technologies, and Shaun Gleason, Director, Science-Security Initiative Integration, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; and Divyansh Kaushik, American Policy Ventures, Washington, D.C.

2025 TAX POLICY DEBATE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2025 tax policy debate and tax avoidance strategies, after receiving testimony from Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Bob Lord, Patriotic Millionaires, Jeff Brabant, National Federation of Independent Business, and Daniel Bunn, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

ANTI-NGO LAWS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine anti-NGO laws and other tools of democratic repression, after receiving testimony from Douglas Rutzen, International Center for Not-For-Profit Law, and Yaqiu Wang, Freedom House, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eka Gigauri, Transparency International Georgia, Tbilisi.

STEWARD HEALTH CARE BANKRUPTCY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the bankruptcy of Steward Health Care, focusing on how management decisions have impacted patient care, after receiving testimony from Louisiana Representative Michael Echols, Monroe; Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell, West Monroe, Louisiana; and Ellen MacInnis, formerly of the Steward St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, and Audra Sprague, formerly of the Steward Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Lunenburg, Massachusetts, both on behalf of the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 9549–9590; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 1443–1448, were introduced. **Pages H5228–30**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5232**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 8399, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to further restrict contributions of foreign nationals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–663, Part 1);

H.R. 3334, to provide for the imposition of sanctions on members of the National Communist Party Congress of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–664, Part 1);

H.R. 1657, to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–665);

H.R. 4094, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–666);

H.R. 5490, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–667);

H.R. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–668);

H.R. 4596, to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins (H. Rept. 118–669);

H.R. 7422, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to provide cost-recovery authority for the Department of the Interior, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–670);

H.R. 2950, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–671);

H.R. 6852, to designate Holcombe Rucker Park, in Harlem, New York, as a National Commemorative Site, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–672);

H.R. 7858, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare incident to modifier for mental health services furnished through telehealth, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–673, Part 1); and

H.R. 8790, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–674, Part 1). **Pages H5227–28**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mary E. Miller (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5205**

End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024: The House passed H.R. 7980, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude vehicles the batteries of which contain materials sourced from prohibited foreign entities from the clean vehicle credit, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 417. **Pages H5206–14**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means by a yea-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 416. **Pages H5212–13**

Pursuant to the Rule, 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. **Page H5206**

H. Res. 1430, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1398), (H.R. 1425), (H.R. 1516), (H.R. 7980), (H.R. 9456), and (H.R. 9494) was agreed to Tuesday, September 10th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 16th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, September 17th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5214**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5212–13 and H5213–14.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 p.m., Monday, September 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 4 p.m.

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