

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6071–S6110

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5060–5076, and S. Res. 822–823. **Page S6097**

Measures Reported:

S. 3348, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4212, to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4343, to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6097**

Measures Passed:

Southern Border Transparency Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3187, to require the Department of Homeland Security to publish various publications and reports regarding the number of aliens seeking entry along the southern border of the United States, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6085–86**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 815, designating the week beginning on September 9, 2024, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6109**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 823, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Page S6109**

Measures Considered:

Right to IVF Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4445, to protect and expand nationwide access to fertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization. **Pages S6075–84**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on June 13, 2024. **Page S6078**

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By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 242), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6078**

Jenkins Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Pages S6084–85**

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 Michelle Williams Court, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S6085**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6075**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6084**

Pennell Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, be withdrawn. **Page S6091**

Court Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Michelle Williams Court, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 18, 2024; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 11:45 a.m.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 243), Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 241), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Measures Referred: Page S6095

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—243) Pages S6074–75, S6078, S6085

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6110.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Randall Reed, USAF, to be general and Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Lieutenant General Xavier T. Brunson, USA, to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, who was introduced by Representative

Strickland, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PRIVATE STUDENT LENDING AND SERVICING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine risks and harm in the private student lending and servicing market, including S. 4686, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the disclosure of the annual percentage rates applicable to Federal student loans, and S. 2949, to require the Secretary of Defense to complete a data matching agreement with the Secretary of Education in order to ensure individuals who are current or former active-duty military service members or civilian employees and are otherwise eligible for assistance under the public service loan forgiveness program have their periods of employment automatically certified and counted towards the public service loan forgiveness program, after receiving testimony from Aissa Canchola Banez, Student Borrower Protection Center, and Beth Akers, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dalie Jimenez, University of California School of Law, Irvine.

LOWERING HEALTH CARE COSTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lowering health care costs for Americans, focusing on the Inflation Reduction Act, after receiving testimony from Jeanne M. Lambrew, The Century Foundation, New York, New York; Rena Conti, Boston University Questrom School of Business, Boston, Massachusetts; Kirsten Axelsen, American Enterprise Institute, and Theo Merkel, Paragon Health Institute and Manhattan Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Judith Aiken, Portland, Maine.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national security risks of replacing nonpartisan civil servants with political appointees, focusing on ensuring a trustworthy government, after receiving testimony from Elaine C. Duke, former Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Peter Levine, former Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; and Jenny Mattingley, Partnership for Public Service, and Thomas Devine, Government Accountability Project, both of Washington, D.C.

HATE CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stemming the tide of hate crimes in America, after receiving testimony from Maya M.

Berry, Arab American Institute, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth S. Stern, Bard Center for the Study of Hate, New York, New York; and Rabbi Mark Goldfeder, National Jewish Advocacy Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

AI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded an oversight hearing to examine AI, focusing on insiders' perspectives, after receiving testimony from Helen Toner, Georgetown University Center for Security and

Emerging Technology, Washington, D.C.; William Saunders, OpenAI, and David Evan Harris, California Initiative for Technology and Democracy, both of San Francisco; and Margaret Mitchell, Seattle, Washington.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 9614–9643; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 204; and H. Res. 1452–1454, 1456–1461, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 9076, to reauthorize and modernize part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen child welfare services, expand the availability of prevention services to better meet the needs of vulnerable families, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–679);

H.R. 3800, to codify Internal Revenue Service guidance relating to treatment of certain services and items for chronic conditions as meeting the preventive care deductible safe harbor for purposes of high deductible health plans in connection with health savings accounts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–680);

H.R. 455, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions (H. Rept. 118–681, Part 1);

H.R. 5509, to modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–682);

H.R. 7764, to establish a commission to study the potential transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–683);

H.R. 9489, to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–684); and

H. Res. 1455, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3724) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit recognized accrediting agen-

cies and associations from requiring, encouraging, or coercing institutions of higher education to meet any political litmus test or violate any right protected by the Constitution as a condition of accreditation; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4790) to amend the Federal securities laws with respect to the materiality of disclosure requirements, to establish the Public Company Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5179) to require the maintenance of the country of origin markings for imported goods produced in the West Bank or Gaza, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5339) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5717) to provide that sanctuary jurisdictions that provide benefits to aliens who are present in the United States without lawful status under the immigration laws are ineligible for Federal funds intended to benefit such aliens; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7909) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 136) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles” (H. Rept. 118–685).

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

2026 Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 7438, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026;

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Dustoff Crews of the Vietnam War Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 2825, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam;

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Billie Jean King Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 2861, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Billie Jean King, an American icon, in recognition of a remarkable life devoted to championing equal rights for all, in sports and in society, by a 2/3 year-and-day vote of 308 yeas to 87 nays, Roll No. 419;

Pages H5250–53

Building on Reemployment Improvements to Deliver Good Employment for Workers Act: H.R. 5861, amended, to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits;

Pages H5253–54

Taxpayer Data Protection Act: H.R. 8292, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase penalties for unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer information;

Pages H5254–55

Improving Social Security's Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act: H.R. 3784, amended, to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft;

Pages H5255–57

VSO Equal Tax Treatment Act: H.R. 1432, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces;

Pages H5272–73

Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act: H.R. 3800, amended, to codify Internal Revenue Service guidance relating to treatment of certain services and items for chronic conditions as meeting the preventive care deductible safe harbor for purposes of high deductible health plans in connection with health savings accounts;

Pages H5273–74

Fiscal Year 2024 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act: H.R. 6324, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024;

Pages H5274–75

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024: H.R. 7777, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2024, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and

the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

Pages H5275–76

Prioritizing Veterans' Survivors Act: H.R. 7100, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the organization of the Office of Survivors Assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H5276–77

Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act: H.R. 4424, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era;

Pages H5277–78

Veterans Accessibility Advisory Committee Act of 2024: H.R. 7342, amended, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access;

Pages H5278–80

Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act: H.R. 7816, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of notice letters that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary;

Pages H5280–81

Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Guntersville, Alabama, as the "Colonel Ola Lee Mize Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic": H.R. 5464, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Guntersville, Alabama, as the "Colonel Ola Lee Mize Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic";

Pages H5281–83

Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act: H.R. 4190, amended, 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;

Pages H5283–84

Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act: H.R. 2911, amended, 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;

Pages H5284–85

Veterans Benefits Continuity and Accountability Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024: H.R. 9468, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024;

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Dennis John Beningo Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2024: H.R. 7208,

amended, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program; **Pages H5290–91**

Medicaid Program Improvement Act: H.R. 8111, amended, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure the reliability of address information provided under the Medicaid program;

Pages H5291–92

Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act: H.R. 4758, amended, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines;

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Amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and to prevent the use of abusive spread pricing in Medicaid.”; **Pages H5293–95**

BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Reauthorization Act of 2024: H.R. 7218, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the program for promotion of public health knowledge and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias;

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Amending title XIX of the Social Security Act to further require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program: H.R. 8112, amended, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to further require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program;

Pages H5296–97

Medicare and Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act of 2024: H.R. 8089, amended, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program;

Pages H5300–01

Leveraging Integrity and Verification of Eligibility for Beneficiaries Act: H.R. 8084, amended, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to verify certain eligibility criteria for individuals enrolled for medical assistance quarterly;

Pages H5301–02

Amending the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a lifespan respite care program: H.R. 6160, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a lifespan respite care program;

Pages H5302–03

Poison Control Centers Reauthorization Act of 2024: S. 4351, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain poison control programs;

Pages H5203–04

DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024: H.R. 7406, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and

Human Services to carry out a program of research, training, and investigation related to Down syndrome; **Pages H5304–06**

Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act: S. 265, to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program; **Page H5306**

Supporting Patient Education And Knowledge Act of 2024: H.R. 6033, amended, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a task force to improve access to health care information technology for non-English speakers;

Pages H5306–08

Telehealth Enhancement for Mental Health Act of 2024: H.R. 7858, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare incident to modifier for mental health services furnished through telehealth;

Pages H5308–09

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare incident to modifier for mental health services furnished through telehealth and other telehealth services”; and **Pages H5308–09**

Launch Communications Act: S. 1648, to facilitate access to the electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries.

Pages H5309–10

Failed Suspension: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

No Foreign Election Interference Act: H.R. 8314, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose penalties with respect to contributions to political committees from certain tax exempt organizations that receive contributions from foreign nationals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 181 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 418.

Pages H5270–72

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

Find and Protect Foster Youth Act: S. 1146, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth, to provide technical assistance relating to the removal of such obstacles;

Pages H5257–59

Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act: H.R. 9076, amended, to reauthorize and modernize part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen child welfare services, expand

the availability of prevention services to better meet the needs of vulnerable families; **Pages H5259–70**

Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2024: H.R. 7213, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to [enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism/re-authorize certain programs with respect to autism spectrum disorder?]; and **Pages H5297–H5300**

Future Uses of Technology Upholding Reliable and Enhanced Networks Act: H.R. 1513, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force to be known as the “6G Task Force”. **Pages H5310–11**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5289, H5289–90.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ACCREDITATION FOR COLLEGE EXCELLENCE ACT OF 2023; GUIDING UNIFORM AND RESPONSIBLE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION LIMITS ACT OF 2023; ANTI-BDS LABELING ACT; RETIRE ACT; NO BAILOUT FOR SANCTUARY CITIES ACT; VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO MULTI-POLLUTANT EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR MODEL YEARS 2027 AND LATER LIGHT-DUTY AND MEDIUM-DUTY VEHICLES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3724, the “Accreditation for College Excellence Act of 2023” [End Woke Higher Education Act]; H.R. 4790, the “Guiding Uniform and Responsible Disclosure Requirements and Information Limits Act of 2023” [Prioritizing Economic Growth Over Woke Policies Act]; H.R. 5179, the “Anti-BDS Labeling Act”; H.R. 5339, the “RETIRE Act” [Protecting Americans’ Investments from Woke Policies Act]; H.R. 5717, the “No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act”; H.R. 7909, the “Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act”; and H.J. Res. 136, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles”. The Committee granted, by a

record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3724, the “End Woke Higher Education Act”, H.R. 4790, the “Prioritizing Economic Growth Over Woke Policies Act”, H.R. 5179, the “Anti-BDS Labeling Act”, H.R. 5339, the “Protecting Americans’ Investments from Woke Policies Act”, H.R. 5717, the “No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act”, H.R. 7909, the “Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act”, and H.J. Res. 136, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3724, the “End Woke Higher Education 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 Education and the Workforce or their respective designees. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–49 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. 4790, the “Prioritizing Economic Growth Over Woke Policies Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–48, modified by the amendment printed in part B 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 Financial Services or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 5179, the “Anti-BDS Labeling Act”, 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 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. 5339, the “Protecting Americans’ Investments from Woke Policies Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–50 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 Education and the Workforce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 5717, the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees. 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 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. 7909, the “Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. 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 118–47 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 136, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Foxx, and Representatives Sablan, Carter of Georgia, Tonko, Biggs, Nadler, Huizenga, Waters, and Tenney.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research, to hold hearings to examine keeping kids learning in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, 2 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the macroeconomic impacts of potential tax reform in 2025, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine aviation cybersecurity threats, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine America's regional commissions, focusing on sharing best practices in regional and economic development, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to continue to consider S. 4667, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 4373, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, S. 4495, to enable safe, responsible, and agile procurement, development, and use of artificial intelligence by the Federal Government, S. 4675, to require the United States Postal Service to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Postal Regulatory Commission before implementing any network changes, S. 4630, to establish an interagency committee to harmonize regulatory regimes in the United States relating to cybersecurity, S. 4654, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian tribal governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, S. 4698, to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 4711, to limit the consideration of marijuana use when making an employment suitability or security clearance determination, S. 4681, to ensure a timely, fair, meaningful, and transparent process for individuals to seek redress because they were wrongly identified as a threat under the screening and inspection regimes used by the Department of Homeland Security, to require a report on the effectiveness of enhanced screening programs of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 4043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 4716, to amend section 7504 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the single audit requirements, S. 4294, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to negotiate with the Government of Canada regarding an agreement for integrated cross border aerial law enforcement operations, S. 59, to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills- and competency-based hiring, S. 4676, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, S. 4672, to require the Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assess current efforts to respond to hazardous weather and water events at or near United States borders and, to the extent such efforts may be improved, to develop a hazardous weather and water events preparedness and response strategy, S. 4697, to enhance the cybersecurity of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector, S. 4715, to require the National Cyber Director to submit to Congress a plan to establish an institute within the Federal Government to serve as a centralized resource

and training center for Federal cyber workforce development, S. 4631, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum education requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, S. 4700, to modify the governmentwide financial management plan, S. 4656, to amend title 5, United States Code, concerning restrictions on the participation of certain Federal employees in partisan political activity, S. 4651, to require agencies to use information and communications technology products obtained from original equipment manufacturers or authorized resellers, S. 4419, 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, S. 4321, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit the payment of annuities and retired pay to individuals convicted of certain sex crimes, S. 2546, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office", S. 3946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in Bastrop, Texas, as the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office", S. 4077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Dianne Feinstein Post Office", H.R. 5527, to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund, H.R. 7219, to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, H.R. 7524, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made, H.R. 3254, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, H.R. 6174, to improve the biodetection functions of the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 272, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations, H.R. 4403, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program, H.R. 5887, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to improve Government service delivery, and build related capacity for the Federal Government, H.R. 7525, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations, H.R. 4467, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico, H.R. 599, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500

West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”, H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”, H.R. 1098, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office”, H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 3608, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California, as the “Major Megan McClung Post Office Building”, H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”, H.R. 5476, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the “Susan C. Barnhart Post Office”, H.R. 5640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building”, H.R. 5712, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the “Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building”, H.R. 5985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the “Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building”, H.R. 6073, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building”, H.R. 6651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in Necedah, Wisconsin, as the “Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building”, H.R. 7192, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the “Dr. William I. ‘Bill’ Kort Post Office Building”, H.R. 7199, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the “Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office”, H.R. 7423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Sherri Malloy Beatty-Arthur, Rahkel Bouchet, Erin Camille Johnston, Ray D. McKenzie, and John Cuong Truong, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Ann C. Fisher, of South Dakota, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carmen G. Iguina Gonzalez, and Joseph Russell Palmore, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2695, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety

services to Indian communities, S. 3857, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, S. 4442, to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and S. 4505, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Patrice H. Kunes, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine streamlining and coordinating support for rural small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine current and future VA budget challenges, focusing on providing for veterans, 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine foreign threats to elections in 2024, focusing on roles and responsibilities of U.S. tech providers, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Inspectors General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Findings and Recommendations of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Examining the Biden-Harris Attacks on Tipped Workers”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 670, the “Think Differently Database Act”; H.R. 8107, the “Ensuring Access to Medicaid Buy-in Programs Act of 2024”; H.R. 8108, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to add a Medicaid State plan requirement with respect to the determination of residency of certain individuals serving in the Armed Forces; H.R. 3433, the “Give Kids a Chance Act of 2024”; H.R. 7188, the “Shandra Eisenga Human Cell and Tissue Product Safety Act”; H.R. 7623, the “Telehealth Modernization Act of 2024”; H.R. 3227, the “Ensuring Seniors’ Access to Quality Care Act”; H.R. 9067, the “Building America’s Health Care Workforce Act”; H.R. 7155, the “United States-Abraham Accords Cooperation and Security Act of 2024”; H.J. Res. 139, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services relating to “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting”; H.R.

7890, the “Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act”; H.R. 7891, Kids Online Safety Act”; H.R. 8449, the “AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act”; H.J. Res. 163, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule”; H.J. Res. 133, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3”; and H.J. Res. 117, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Dazed and Confused: Breaking Down the SEC’s Politicized Approach to Digital Assets”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Protecting Americans’ Savings: Examining the Economics of the Multi-Billion Dollar Romance Confidence Scam Industry”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Country Without Borders: How the Biden-Harris Open Borders Policies Have Undermined Our Safety and Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Modernization, hearing entitled “Continuity of Congress: Preparing for the Future by Learning from the Past”, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Oversight of Homeland Security Investigations”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1479, the “Chiricahua National Park Act”; H.R. 1504, the “Apex Area Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 8931, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; H.R. 8946, the “Reversionary Interest Conveyance Act”; H.R. 9159, the “Appalachian Trail Centennial Act”; H.R. 9492, to amend Public Law 99–338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits; H.R. 9516, the “Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act”; and S. 612, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3642, the “Executive Branch

Accountability and Transparency Act of 2023”; legislation on the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2024; legislation on the Federal Register Modernization Act; H.R. 5300, the “GAO Inspector General Parity Act”; legislation on the Federal Acquisition Security Council Improvement Act of 2024; legislation on the Value Over Cost Act; legislation on the Federal Improvement in Technology Procurement Act; H.R. 9566, the “Source Code Harmonization And Reuse in Information Technology Act”; H.R. 5536, the “Grant Transparency Act of 2023”; legislation on the Protecting Taxpayers Wallet Act; legislation on the Manager Attitudes and Notions According to Government Employee Responses Act; H.R. 8784, the “Full Responsibility and Expedited Enforcement Act”; H.R. 825, the “Banning Operations and Leases with the Illegitimate Venezuelan Authoritarian Regime Act”; and several postal naming measures, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Holding the SBA Accountable: Testimony from Small Business Administrator Guzman”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8689, the “Amtrak Executive Bonus Disclosure Act”; H.R. 3149, to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the “National Medal of Honor Highway”, and for other purposes; H.R. 3988, the “Assuring that Robust, Thorough, and Informed Congressional Leadership is Exercised Over National Emergencies Act”; H.R. 6435, the “Making Aid for Local Disasters Equal Now Act”; H.R. 2672, the “FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act”; H.R. 6997, the “Disaster Contract Improvement Act”; H.R. 8530, the “Improving Federal Building Security Act of 2024”; H.R. 2892, the “Weather Alert Response and Notification Act”; H.R. 6984, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”, and for other purposes; legislation to require the Administrator of General Services to sell certain property related to United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and for other purposes; H.R. 8692, the “Amtrak Transparency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act”; H.R. 9135, the “Ensuring Airline Resiliency to Reduce Delays and Cancellations Act”; H.R. 8995, the “Baby Changing on Board Act”; H.R. 4043, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to expand eligibility for certain wastewater infrastructure grants, and for other purposes; H.R. 9037, the “Federal Emergency Mobilization Accountability (FEMA) Workforce Planning Act”; H.R. 9541, the “Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience Act of 2024”; H.R. 3356, the “Motor Carrier Safety Screening Modernization Act”; H.R. 8505, the “Household Goods Shipping Consumer Protection Act”; H.R. 7779, the “Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024”; H.R. 1720, the “Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II”; H.R. 8728, the “State-Managed Disaster Relief Act”; H.R. 1605, the “Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act of 2023”; H.R. 8616, the “Ensuring

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Challenges with Ensuring Quality Contracted Disability Compensation Examinations”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

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Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Dial 988+1: Examining the Operations of the Veterans Crisis Line”, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Investing in a Healthier America: Chronic Disease Prevention and Treatment”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, September 18

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Michelle Williams Court, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 11:45 a.m. Additional roll call votes are possible during Wednesday's session.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 5339—Protecting Americans' Investments from Woke Policies Act (Pursuant to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 5179—Anti-BDS Labeling (Pursuant to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 7909—Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act (Pursuant to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 9494—Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025 (Pursuant to a Rule).

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