

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 9747, Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S6387–S6469*

**Measures Introduced:** One hundred twenty-nine bills and forty-three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5164–5292, S.J. Res. 111–116, S. Res. 856–890, and S. Con. Res. 42–43. **Pages S6435–41**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 3891, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to update and expand Federal economic development investment in the economic recovery, resiliency, and competitiveness of communities, regions, and States across the United States. (S. Rept. No. 118–233)

H.R. 1823, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the “Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building”.

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H.R. 6983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the “Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office”.

H.R. 7180, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the “Kingsland ‘Johnny Cash’ Post Office”.

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S. 4404, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the “Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office”.

S. 4634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 154 First Avenue East in Jerome, Idaho, as the “Representative Maxine Bell Post Office”.

S. 4803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the “First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office”. **Page S6435**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Certify Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Report:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 837, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education,

Labor, and Pensions of the Senate regarding the refusal of Dr. Ralph de la Torre to appear and testify before the Committee. **Pages S6405–08**

**Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act:** By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate passed H.R. 9747, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2025, by the order of the Senate of Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative. **Page S6408**

**Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Stopping Prison Contraband Act:** Senate passed S. 5284, to increase the penalty for prohibited provision of a phone in a correctional facility. **Page S6415**

**Rural Broadband Protection Act:** Senate passed S. 275, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6464**

**Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act:** Senate passed S. 1570, to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening. **Page S6465**

**Strengthening the Commercial Driver's License Information System Act:** Senate passed S. 3475, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Transportation to designate an authorized operator of the commercial driver's license information system. **Page S6465**

**Words Matter for the District of Columbia Courts Act:** Senate passed S. 3698, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise references in such title to individuals with intellectual disabilities. **Page S6466**

**Eugene E. Siler, Jr. United States Courthouse Annex:** Senate passed S. 4293, to designate the United States courthouse annex located at 310 South Main Street in London, Kentucky, as the "Eugene E. Siler, Jr. United States Courthouse Annex". **Page S6466**

**Senator Dianne Feinstein Federal Building:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 4489, to designate the Federal building located at 50 United Nations Plaza in San Francisco, California, as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Federal Building", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6466**

**Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 7189, to amend the Public

Health Service Act to reauthorize a national congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program. **Page S6466**

**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 127, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a statue of Martha Hughes Cannon. **Page S6466**

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Senate passed 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 S6466–67**

**Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act:** Senate passed 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. **Page S6467**

**Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act:** Senate passed S. 5292, to amend the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 to modify a provision relating to the acquisition of a Coast Guard icebreaker. **Page S6467**

**National Principals Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 876, designating October 2024 as "National Principals Month". **Page S6467**

**National Community Policing Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 877, designating the week of October 6, 2024, through October 12, 2024, as "National Community Policing Week". **Page S6467**

**James Earl Jones:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 878, honoring the life, legacy, and contributions of James Earl Jones. **Page S6467**

**Permitting the Collection of Clothing, Toys, Food, and Housewares:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 879, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in the Senate buildings. **Page S6467**

**Lights On Afterschool:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 880, supporting afterschool programs and Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 24, 2024. **Page S6467**

**Day of the Deployed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 881, designating October 26, 2024, as the "Day of the Deployed". **Page S6467**

**National Clean Energy Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 882, designating the week of September 23

through September 27, 2024, as “National Clean Energy Week”. **Page S6467**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of America 120th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 883, recognizing Big Brothers Big Sisters of America on its 120th anniversary. **Page S6467**

**Gold Star Families Remembrance Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 884, designating the week of September 22 through September 28, 2024, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”. **Page S6467**

**Energy Efficiency Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 885, designating October 2, 2024, as “Energy Efficiency Day” in celebration of the economic and environmental benefits that have been driven by private sector innovation and Federal energy efficiency policies. **Page S6467**

**Bat Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 886, expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2024, to October 31, 2024, as “Bat Week”. **Page S6467**

**National 4-H Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 887, expressing support for the designation of October 7 through October 12, 2024, as “National 4-H Week”. **Page S6467**

**James Ralph Sasser:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 888, honoring the life of James Ralph Sasser, former Senator for the State of Tennessee. **Page S6467**

**Murder of James Wright Foley:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 805, commemorating the tenth anniversary of the murder of James Wright Foley and calling for the moral courage to prioritize the return of Americans held captive abroad and take all necessary efforts to deter international hostage taking and arbitrary detention, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto. **Pages S6468–69**

Schumer (for Shaheen/Graham) Amendment No. 3300, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6468**

Schumer (for Shaheen/Graham) Amendment No. 3301, to amend the preamble. **Page S6468**

#### Measures Considered:

**Budget Resolution:** By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 252), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 41, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034. **Pages S6396–97**

#### Appointments:

**Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public

Law 107–12, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Trevor Whipple of Vermont. **Page S6464**

**Social Security Advisory Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, reappointed the following individual as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board: Robert Charles Joondeph of Oregon. **Page S6464**

**State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 110–298, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Juan Figueroa of New York. **Page S6464**

**Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State:** The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, pursuant to Public Law 117–263, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Jay Snyder of New York. **Page S6464**

**Forgotten Heroes of The Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the passage of S. 91, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust, Schumer (for Hagerty) Amendment No. 3299 to the bill, to amend the title, be agreed to. **Page S6464**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators Bennet and Schumer be authorized to be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from September 25, 2024, through September 27, 2024. **Page S6464**

**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S6464**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the

Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, September 27, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 1 p.m.; Friday, October 4, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.; Friday, October 11, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; Friday, October 18, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 8 a.m.; Friday, October 25, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.; Friday, November 1, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.; Monday, November 4, 2024, at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 12 noon; and Friday, November 8, 2024, at 12 noon; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 8, 2024, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

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**Perry Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of April M. Perry, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination be withdrawn; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Wednesday, September 25, 2024, ripen on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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**Hawley Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jonathan E. Hawley, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, September 25, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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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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**Huitema Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Huitema, of

Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

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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 Jonathan E. Hawley, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

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**Fung Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cathy Fung, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

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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 David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

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

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 254), Byron B. Conway, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 253), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Ann C. Fisher, of South Dakota, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2030.

Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2030.

Jeffrey Samuel Arbeit, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Benjamin A. Guider III, of Louisiana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—255) Pages S6397, S6405, S6408

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late James Ralph Sasser, former Senator for the State of Tennessee, in accordance with S. Res. 888, at 9:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6469.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HOUSING UNAFFORDABILITY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic risks from housing unaffordability, focusing on the costs of inaction, after receiving testimony from K. Joseph Shekarchi, Rhode Island House of Representatives, Providence; Paul E. Williams, Center for Public Enterprise, Brooklyn, New York; Greta J. Harris, Better Housing Coalition, Richmond, Virginia; Edward Pinto, American Enterprise Institute Housing Center, and Jack Salmon, Philanthropy Roundtable, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, who was introduced by Senator

Romney, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### REMOTE SALES TAX COLLECTION

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth concluded hearings to examine providing small business relief from remote sales tax collection, after receiving testimony from Joseph Bishop-Henchman, National Taxpayers Union Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Craig Johnson, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Westby, Wisconsin; and Diane L. Yetter, Sales Tax Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4667, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5105, to require a report by the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding the failed assassination attempt on the life of Donald J. Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4900, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 131, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2924, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the management of improper payments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5067, to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

S. 4898, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3926, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5098, to require certain agencies to develop plans for internal control in the event of an emergency or crisis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5133, to establish a tracker for Senate-confirmed executive branch positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5109, to amend section 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to extend the Chief Data Officer Council's sunset and add new authorities for improving Federal agency data governance, including to enable reliable and secure adoption of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5093, to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5092, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and northern border strategy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5099, to prescribe requirements relating to the management of the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island, New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3181, to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the "Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit";

H.R. 5799, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the "James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint";

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## BOEING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine FAA oversight of Boeing's broken safety culture, after receiving testimony from Michael Whitaker, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

## AI

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine preparing workers for AI, after receiving testimony from Karin Kimbrough, LinkedIn, Sunnyvale, California; Alex Kotran, aiEDU, San Francisco, California; Kenneth Meyer, SHRM, New York, New York; and Denzel Wilson, SeedAI, Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 465, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2908, to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land, with an amendment; and

S. 4370, to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act, with an amendment.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 4444, to take certain mineral interests into trust for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of Montana, S. 4633, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, S. 4643, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, S. 4705, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and S. 4998, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in the Rio San Jose Stream System in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Frank White Clay, Crow Nation, Crow Agency, Montana; Buu Nygren, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmobi, Arizona; Johnny Lehi Jr., San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Tuba City, Arizona; Arden Kucate, Zuni Tribe, Zuni, New Mexico; and

Tanya Lewis, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Camp Verde, Arizona.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony J. Brindisi, and Elizabeth C. Coombe, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Sarah Morgan Davenport, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senators Heinrich and Lujan, Sharad Harshad Desai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, who was introduced by Senator Sinema, Tiffany Rene Johnson, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Warnock, and Keli Marie Neary, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Casey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT IN U.S. PRISONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine sexual assault in U.S. prisons two decades after the Prison Rape Elimination Act, after receiving testimony from Kenneth James, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Lexington; Julie Abbate, Just Detention International, Washington, D.C.; Kelsey Bolar, Independent Women's Forum, Winchester, Virginia; Brandy Moore White, Council of Prison Locals, Forrest City, Arkansas; Bonnie Hernandez, Lee's Summit, Missouri; and Breane Wingfield, Dallas, Texas.

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 65 public bills, H.R. 9794–9858; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 208–209; H. Con. Res. 131; and H. Res. 1500–1519, were introduced.

**Pages H5826–30**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H5832–33**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lopez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Stuck On Hold Act: H.R. 6656, amended, to direct the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Social Security to implement automated systems with call-back functionality for each customer service telephone line of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration, respectively;

**Pages H5776–77**

***Deliver for Veterans Act:*** H.R. 522, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing a vehicle adapted for operation by disabled individuals to certain eligible persons, to pay expenses associated with the delivery of such vehicle;

**Pages H5777–78**

***Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2024:*** H.R. 7323, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code;

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**Agreed to amend the title so as to read:** “Amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, and for other purposes”;

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***Head Start for Our Future Act:*** S. 656, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include child development and early learning as community services under the Federal work-study program;

**Pages H5780–81**

***Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025:*** H.R. 9747, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2025, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 341 yeas to 82 nays, Roll No. 450; and

**Pages H5781–91, H5800–01**

***Confirmation Of Congressional Observer Access Act:*** Concurred in the Senate amendment to 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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 449.

**Pages H5791–92, H5800**

***Sanctioning Tyrannical and Oppressive People within the Chinese Communist Party Act:*** The House passed 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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 243 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 452.

**Pages H5767–72, H5801–03**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Foreign Affairs now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–705, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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**Agreed to:**

Amo amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–705) that adds engaging in efforts to interfere in U.S. federal, state, and local elections to List of Qualifications for “SANCTIONABLE CONDUCT”;

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Ogles amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–705) that clarifies that alternate members of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party are also subject to the sanctions described in subsection (c) of Section 4;

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Ogles amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–705) that requires the President to certify that the PRC and CCP have ceased their oppression of the Tibetan people as a condition of terminating sanctions; and

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Nunn amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–705) that adds to the sanction list under section 4 any Chinese State-Owned Enterprise that knowingly manufactures or distributes any chemicals used in the production of illicit fentanyl (by a recorded vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 451).

**Pages H5770–71, H5801–02**

H. Res. 1486, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3334), (H.R. 8205), (H.R. 8790), and the resolution (H. Res. 1469) was agreed to yesterday, September 24th.

***Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act:*** The House passed H.R. 8205, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that Byrne grant funds may be used for public safety report systems, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 255 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 454.

**Pages H5772–76, H5803–04**

**Agreed to amend the title so as to read:** “To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit fraud in connection with posting bail.”

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Rejected the Cárdenas motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 453.

**Pages H5775–76, H5803**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–51 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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**Ensuring accountability for key officials in the Biden-Harris administration responsible for decisionmaking and execution failures throughout the withdrawal from Afghanistan:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1469, ensuring accountability for key officials in the Biden-Harris administration responsible for decisionmaking and execution failures throughout the withdrawal from Afghanistan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 455.

**Pages H5792–H5800, H5804–05**

H. Res. 1486, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3334), (H.R. 8205), (H.R. 8790), and the resolution (H. Res. 1469) was agreed to yesterday, September 24th.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

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**Work Period Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Wednesday, September 25, 2024, through Monday, November 11, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Horsford announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 1500) censuring Representative Glen Clay Higgins of the 3rd Congressional District of Louisiana.

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**Senate Referral:** S. 815 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5751 and H5817.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5800, H5801, H5801–02, H5802–03, H5803, H5803–04, and H5804–05.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 9716, the “Increasing Baseline Updates Act”; H.R. 9751, the “Executive Action Cost Transparency Act”; H.R. 9714, the “CBO Oversight Act”; H.R. 9711, the “Congressional Budget Office Scheduling Reform Act”; H.R. 9686, the “HEALTH Panel Act”; and H.R. 8068, the “Stop the Baseline Bloat Act of 2024”. H.R. 9716, H.R. 9751, H.R.

9714, H.R. 9711, and H.R. 9686 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 8068 was ordered reported, as amended.

### INNOVATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION: PROPERLY EQUIPPING AMERICA’S EDUCATORS

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Innovative Teacher Preparation: Properly Equipping America’s Educators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### REGULATORY RECIPE FOR ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY: THE ENDLESS BASEL ENDGAME AND AN ONSLAUGHT OF HURRIED RULEMAKING UNDERTAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Recipe for Economic Uncertainty: The Endless Basel Endgame and an Onslaught of Hurried Rulemaking Undertaken by the Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3386, the “Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4406, the “DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act of 2023”; H.R. 9668, the “SHIELD Against CCP Act”; H.R. 9689, the “DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program Act”; H.R. 9722, the “CATCH Fentanyl Act”; H.R. 9752, the “Tren de Aragua Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act”; H.R. 9749, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to abolish the reorganization authority of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; H.R. 9769, the “Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act”; H.R. 9768, the “Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative Act”; H.R. 9762, the “DHS International Cyber Partner Act of 2024”; H.R. 9748, the “Research Security and Accountability in DHS Act”; H.R. 5729, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to establish a Homeland Intelligence Experts Group, and for other purposes; H.R. 5840, the “Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act”; H.R. 7311, the “Combatting International Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Partnership Act of 2024”; H.R. 7365, the “VETS Safe Travel Act”; H.R. 8119, the “PEARL Act”; H.R. 9469, the “Pipeline Security Act”; H.R. 9731, the “Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2024”; H.R. 9770, the “Cyber PIVOTT Act”; and H.R. 3169, the “Port Crane Security and Inspection Act

of 2023". H.R. 3386, H.R. 4406, H.R. 9668, H.R. 9689, H.R. 9722, H.R. 9752, H.R. 9749, H.R. 9769, H.R. 9768, H.R. 9762, and H.R. 9748 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5729, H.R. 5840, H.R. 7311, H.R. 7365, H.R. 8119, H.R. 9469, H.R. 9731, H.R. 9770, and H.R. 3169 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **HEARING ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government held a hearing entitled "Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government". Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7137, the "Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2024"; H.R. 9563, the "Protecting Americans from Russian Litigation Act of 2024"; and H.R. 9151, the "Protecting American Industry and Labor from International Trade Crimes Act of 2024". H.R. 7137 and H.R. 9151 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 9563 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **KITCHEN TABLE ECONOMICS: HOW FAILED BIDEN-HARRIS POLICIES CONTINUE TO HURT CONSUMERS**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Kitchen Table Economics: How Failed Biden-Harris Policies Continue to Hurt Consumers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE BORDER CRISIS: THE COST OF CHAOS**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "The Border Crisis: The Cost of Chaos". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 9720, the "AI Incident Reporting and Security Enhancement Act"; H.R. 9710, the "Small Modular Reactor Demonstration Act of 2024"; H.R. 9671, the "Department of Energy Artificial Intelligence Act of 2024"; and H.R. 9723, the "National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2024". H.R. 9720 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 9710, H.R. 9671, H.R. 9723 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **AVENUES TO SUCCESS: EXAMINING WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYEES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled "Avenues to Success: Examining Workforce Training Programs for Employees". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7671, the "Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act"; and H.R. 9750, the "Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act of 2024". H.R. 7671 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 9750 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### **EXAMINING THE ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF BUILDING CODES IN MITIGATING AGAINST DISASTERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "Examining the Role and Effectiveness of Building Codes in Mitigating Against Disasters". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ALWAYS READY: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A U.S. COAST GUARD SENTINEL**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "Always Ready: A Day in The Life of a U.S. Coast Guard Sentinel". Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Thomas Allan, Jr., Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; and Master Chief Heath B. Jones, Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

#### **EVERYDAY HEROES: SUPPORTING THE VETERAN CAREGIVER COMMUNITY**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Everyday Heroes: Supporting the Veteran Caregiver Community". Testimony was heard from Colleen Richardson, Executive Director, Caregiver Support Program, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “United States Postal Service’s Role in 2024 Election Mail Readiness”, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining Puerto

Rico’s Electrical Grid and the Need for Reliable and Resilient Energy”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Ensuring Timely Access: Challenges in VA Scheduling”, 9 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Digital GI Bill in Disarray: Holding the Biden-Harris Administration Accountable for VA’s Costly Mismanagement”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Ongoing Investigation of the Butler, Pennsylvania Security Failure: The Secret Service’s Reliance on State and Local Law Enforcement”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, September 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, September 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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