

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity for October 2024.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6569–S6588

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5315–5332, and S. Res. 894. **Pages S6585–86**

Measures Passed:

2024 Little League Baseball World Series: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 874, honoring the Southeast Region Little League baseball team from Lake Mary, Florida, for winning the 2024 Little League Baseball World Series, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6577**

Financial Management Risk Reduction Act: Senate passed S. 4716, to amend section 7504 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the single audit requirements, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6587**

Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 889, designating October 30, 2024, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6588**

Fiscal Year 2024 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 6324, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024. **Page S6588**

Kidd Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S6576**

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

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6577**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 18, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, and that all time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m. **Page S6588**

Kasubhai Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S6576**

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 Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S6576**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6576**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6576**

Russell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Pages S6576–77**

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 Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Pages S6576–77**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6576**

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

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Pennell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. Page S6577

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 Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. Pages S6576–77

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Page S6576

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S6576

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 261), Cathy Fung, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

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By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 262), David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carol Kellermann, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2030.

Adam Jeffrey White, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2030.

Loida Nicolas Lewis, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Devin S. Anderson, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2025. Page S6588

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Jennifer D. Gavito, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the State of Libya, which was sent to the Senate on January 08, 2024.

Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2029, which was sent to the Senate on February 29, 2024.

Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2029, which was sent to the Senate on July 11, 2024.

Deva A. Kyle, of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on July 11, 2024. Page S6588

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—263) Pages S6576–77

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:47 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6588.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Samuel Johnson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Val Butler Demings, of Florida, William Zollars, of Kansas, and Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James Graham Lake, and Nicholas George Miranda, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4713, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors; and

The nominations of Ryan Young Park, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Sharad Harshad Desai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and

Bobby Jack Woods, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 10120–10130; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 132; and H. Res. 1570–1573, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5103, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–733);

H.R. 6107, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–734);

H.R. 8413, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–735);

H.R. 6843, to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana (H. Rept. 118–736);

H.R. 7332, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–737); and

H.R. 6826, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center (H. Rept. 118–738).

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

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

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gaetz, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida, effective immediately.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Gaetz, the whole number of the House is 433.

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Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024: The House passed H.R. 8446, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 462.

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Rejected the Stansbury motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 461.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1568, providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8932), (H.R. 7409) and (H.R. 8446) was agreed to yesterday, November 13th.

Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act: The House passed H.R. 7409, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 464.

Pages H6000–01

Rejected the Stansbury motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 463.

Pages H6000

H. Res. 1568, providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8932), (H.R. 7409) and (H.R. 8446) was agreed to yesterday, November 13th.

Discharge Petition: Representative Steube presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce from the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1279) entitled, a bill to make daylight savings time permanent (Discharge Petition No. 19).

Senate Referral: S. 2581 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5985.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5999, H5999–6000, H6000 and H6000–01.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PANDEMIC: LESSONS LEARNED AND THE PATH FORWARD

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Lessons Learned and The Path Forward”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Hilary Marston, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Lawrence Tabak, Principal Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health; and Henry Walke, M.D., Director, Office of Readiness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SNOWED IN: UNITED STATES DISINVESTMENT IN THE ARCTIC

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Snowed In: United States Disinvestment in the Arctic”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Peter W. Gautier, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; Vice Admiral Thomas Allan, Jr., Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; and Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through October 31, 2024

| | <i>Senate</i> | <i>House</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Days in session | 143 | 136 | .. |
| Time in session | 644 hrs., 19' | 497 hrs., 60' | .. |
| Congressional Record: | | | |
| Pages of proceedings | 6,489 | 5,902 | .. |
| Extensions of Remarks | .. | 1,096 | .. |
| Public bills enacted into law | 40 | 32 | 72 |
| Private bills enacted into law | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills in conference | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures passed, total | 352 | 498 | 850 |
| Senate bills | 83 | 42 | .. |
| House bills | 35 | 363 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | 3 | 1 | .. |
| House joint resolutions | 2 | 4 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 8 | 6 | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | 11 | 14 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 210 | 68 | .. |
| Measures reported, total | *198 | 376 | 574 |
| Senate bills | 156 | 1 | .. |
| House bills | 37 | 336 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 10 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 1 | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | 2 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 4 | 27 | .. |
| Special reports | 8 | 8 | .. |
| Conference reports | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures pending on calendar | 411 | 139 | .. |
| Measures introduced, total | 2,189 | 3,942 | 6,131 |
| Bills | 1,734 | 3,168 | .. |
| Joint resolutions | 63 | 111 | .. |
| Concurrent resolutions | 19 | 50 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 373 | 613 | .. |
| Quorum calls | 5 | 1 | .. |
| Yea-and-nay votes | 255 | 270 | .. |
| Recorded votes | .. | 184 | .. |
| Bills vetoed | 1 | 2 | .. |
| Veto overridden | .. | .. | .. |

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through October 31, 2024

| | |
|---|--------|
| Civilian nominees, totaling 366 (including 95 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 141 |
| Unconfirmed | 220 |
| Withdrawn | 5 |
| Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,625 (including 745 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 800 |
| Unconfirmed | 745 |
| Withdrawn | 80 |
| Air Force nominees, totaling 5,786 (including 111 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 5,186 |
| Unconfirmed | 600 |
| Army nominees, totaling 6,342 (including 1,906 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 6,326 |
| Unconfirmed | 16 |
| Navy nominees, totaling 5,218 (including 7 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 5,212 |
| Unconfirmed | 6 |
| Marine Corps nominees, totaling 726 (including 6 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 722 |
| Unconfirmed | 4 |
| Space Force nominees, totaling 439 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 438 |
| Unconfirmed | 1 |
| <i>Summary</i> | |
| Total nominees carried over from the First Session | 2,872 |
| Total nominees received this Session | 17,630 |
| Total confirmed | 18,825 |
| Total unconfirmed | 1,592 |
| Total withdrawn | 85 |
| Total returned to the White House | 0 |

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 85 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 384 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, November 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 8932—FAFSA Deadline Act.

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