

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6615–S6640

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5342–5348, S.J. Res. 117, and S. Res. 895–900. Page S6634

Measures Passed:

Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Pages S6625–26

Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Dianne Feinstein Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Major Megan McClung Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Caroline Chang Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Susan C. Barnhart Post Office: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”. Page S6626

Dr. William I. ‘Bill’ Kott Post Office Building: Senate passed 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’ Kott Post Office Building”. **Page S6626**

Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office: Senate passed 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”.

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Luke Letlow Post Office Building: Senate passed 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”.

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Think Differently About Emergencies Act: Senate passed H.R. 6249, to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters.

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BEACH Act: Senate passed H.R. 5490, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.

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Working Dog Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 807, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society, and the bill was then passed.

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No Stolen Trademarks Honored in America Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1505, to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names, and the bill was then passed.

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Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 861, expressing support for the designation of September 2024 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Death of former Senator Daniel J. Evans: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 872, recognizing the life and

the death of Daniel J. Evans, former Senator for the State of Washington, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 3303, to amend the preamble.

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Blue Star Welcome Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 875, designating September 21, 2024, through September 29, 2024, as “Blue Star Welcome Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National School Psychology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 896, expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on November 11, 2024, as “National School Psychology Week”.

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National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 897, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

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National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 898, recognizing the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children on its 40th anniversary.

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American Diabetes Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 899, designating November 2024 as “American Diabetes Month”.

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Authorizing testimony and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 900, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Baez*. **Pages S6639–40**

Pennell Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

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

By 50 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 288), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 20, 2024; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all time on the nomination be considered expired at 11 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Amir H. Ali, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and upon disposition of the nomination, notwithstanding Rule

XXII, Senator Sanders, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services, from the Committee on Foreign Relations; that there be up to two hours of debate, equally divided between the opponents and proponents, on the motion to discharge, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge; that if the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 111 is not agreed to, Senator Sanders, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 113, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services, and if the motion is made, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge; that if the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 113 is not agreed to, Senator Sanders, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 115, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed license amendment for the export of certain defense articles, defense services, and technical data to Israel, and if the motion is made, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge; that there be up to two minutes for debate equally divided prior to each vote with respect to a motion to discharge; that if the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 115 is not agreed to, and if the requisite 16 signatures have been filed at the desk, Senator Paul, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 117, relating to the disapproval of the Presidential report with respect to the indebtedness of the Government of Ukraine; that there be up to one hour for debate, equally divided, on the motion and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 117. **Page S6640**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 285), Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

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

By 41 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 283), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 284), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 287), Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 286), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Messages from the House: **Page S6630**

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—6) **Page S6621**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—288) **Pages S6621–22, S6625**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Daniel J. Evans, former Senator for the State of Washington, in accordance with S. Res. 872, at 7:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6640.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ALL-DOMAIN ANOMALY RESOLUTION OFFICE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine the activities of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, after receiving testimony from Jon T. Kosloski, Director, All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 984 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting consumers from artificial intelligence enabled fraud and scams, after receiving testimony from Hany Farid, University of California School of Information, Berkeley; Justin Brookman, Consumer Reports, Yonkers, New York; Mounir Ibrahim, Truepic, New York, New York; and Dorota Mani, Westfield, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 254, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account;

S. 373, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy;

S. 482, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 620, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska;

S. 739, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 914, to establish an energy threat analysis center in the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1553, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing permits and leases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act;

S. 2156, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to au-

thorize additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado;

S. 2160, 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 in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York;

S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, with an amendment;

S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants;

S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3123, to provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3346, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and Smith River system in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and

Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the “George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center”, with amendments;

S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area;

S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3544, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the “Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center”;

S. 3593, to provide for economic development and conservation in Washoe County, Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3596, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite;

S. 3617, to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3631, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3790, to make additional Federal public land available for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3985, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness;

S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, with an amendment;

S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds and surrounding land in the States of Illinois and Missouri, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine;

S. 4216, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff’s House in New Castle, Delaware, as the “Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center”;

S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the “Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4242, to extend the authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991;

S. 4245, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, with amendments;

S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4424, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, to acknowledge and support the longstanding use of cultural burning by Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4432, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4451, to require the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to carry out a study on reservation systems for Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4454, to provide for the establishment of an Operational Flexibility Grazing Management Program on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4457, to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program;

S. 4607, to designate the America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark;

S. 4664, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to promote the use of artificial intelligence to support the missions of the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4851, to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include the Scarper Ridge property;

S. 4932, to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4936, to require a study relating to the Minidoka National Historic Site;

S. 4974, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System;

S. 4994, to modify the boundary of the Vicksburg National Military Park in the State of Mississippi;

S. 4996, to amend Public Law 89–108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4999, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5000, to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5005, to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act;

S. 5011, to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee, to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety;

S. 5012, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, with an amendment;

S. 5013, to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5125, to provide for certain improvements to the housing and workforce programs of Federal land management agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 5136, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Plum Island;

H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields;

H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development;

H.R. 5443, to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction; and

H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

VISA-MASTERCARD DUOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking the Visa-Mastercard duopoly, focusing on bringing competition and lower fees to the credit card system, after receiving testimony from Roger P. Alford, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana; Christopher W. Callahan, Battenkill Books, Cambridge, New York; Doug Kantor, National Association of Convenience Stores, Alexandria, Virginia; Linda Kirkpatrick, Mastercard, Purchase, New York; and Bill Sheedy, Visa Inc., San Francisco, California.

CHINA'S CYBERSECURITY THREAT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded a hearing to examine China's cybersecurity threat, focusing on big hacks and big tech, after receiving testimony from Sam Bresnick, Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Washington, D.C.; Isaac Stone Fish, Strategy Risks, New York,

New York; Adam Meyers, CrowdStrike, Austin, Texas; and David Stehlin, Telecommunications Industry Association, Arlington, Virginia.

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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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 10165–10172; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 223; and H. Res. 1581–1583, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6394, to provide for the creation of a Congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–755, Part 1); and

H.R. 4529, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding guidance documents of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–756).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:33 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Committing Leases for Energy Access Now Act: The House passed H.R. 1449, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 473.

Pages H6085–88, H6088–89, H6089–94, H6094–97

Rejected the Stansbury motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 472.

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Rejected:

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–754) that sought to extend the timeline for determining permit completeness to 90 days, as requested by the Department of the Interior, and provides flexibility in the timeline to issue final determinations on a permit (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 470); and

Pages H6092–93, H6094–95

Grijalva amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–754) that sought to condition the effective date on a certification that the Bureau of Land Management and other Federal permitting agencies have sufficient staff and funding to comply with the deadlines established by this Act (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 471).

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H. Res. 1576, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1449) and (H.R. 9495) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 469, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 468.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today appear on pages H6088–89, H6089, H6094–95, H6095–96, H6096, and H6096–97.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from

Monica M. Bertagnolli, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

IMPACTS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITY CYBERSECURITY REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Impacts of Emergency Authority Cybersecurity Regulations on the Transportation Sector”. Testimony was heard from Steve Lorincz, Deputy Executive Assistant Administrator, Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Chad Gorman, Deputy Executive Assistant Administrator, Operations Support, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Tina Won Sherman, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government and Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

TRAFFICKED, EXPLOITED, AND MISSING: MIGRANT CHILDREN VICTIMS OF THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement; and Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability held a joint hearing entitled “Trafficked, Exploited, and Missing: Migrant Children Victims of the Biden-Harris Administration”. Testimony was heard from Kathy Larin, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 6441, the “Ranching Without Red Tape Act of 2023”; H.R. 7666, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a strategy to increase opportunities to utilize livestock grazing as a means of wildfire risk reduction; H.R. 8182, the “Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve Establishment Act”; H.R. 8517, the “La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act”; H.R. 9062, the “Operational Flexibility Grazing Management Program Act”; H.R. 9165, the “Public Land Search and Rescue Act”; H.R. 9528, to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.; H.R. 10082, the “Oregon Owyhee Wilderness and Community Protection Act”; and H.R. 10084, the “Renewing the African American Civil Rights Network Act”. Testimony was heard from Tracy Glover, Sheriff, Kane County, Utah; Steve Lohr, Director of Natural Resources, Na-

tional Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 7662, the “Critical Minerals Security Act of 2024”; H.R. 7807, the “Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act”; H.R. 8952, the “Crow Revenue Act”; and H.R. 10005, the “Expedited Appeals Review Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency”. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

IN THE EYE OF THE STORM: OVERSIGHT OF FEMA’S DISASTER READINESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “In the Eye of the Storm: Oversight of FEMA’s Disaster Readiness and Response”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards and Castor; and Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

2025 TAX POLICY DEBATE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2025 tax policy debate, focusing on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, after receiving testimony from former Representative Kevin Brady, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Samantha Jacoby, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, all of Washington, D.C.

RUSSIA’S WAR ON UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine 1,000 days of Russia’s war on Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Andrii Sybiha, Foreign Minister of Ukraine; Hanna Hopko, International Center for Ukrainian Victory; Mariia Kucherenko, Come Back Alive; and Andrew Michta, Atlantic Council Scowcroft GeoStrategy Initiative.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2024***(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)***Senate**

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine disaster funding needs, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine tax policy in 2025, focusing on implications for the American economy, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Matthew Kaplan, of Maryland, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Great Lakes Authority, and 53 General Services Administration resolutions; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act, focusing on successes, challenges, and charting a path forward, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing from the Secretary of State, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 5310, to amend title 41, United States Code, to make changes with respect to the Federal Acquisition Security Council, S. 2315, to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, S. 2270, to establish and maintain a database within each agency for executive branch ethics records of noncareer appointees, S. 5302, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address the responsibilities of the Administrator of General Services with respect to Federal advisory committees, S. 5312, to require agencies to create consistent organizational hierarchies, S. 5102, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, S. 5313, to improve section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, S. 5315, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance border security by seeking to expand partnerships with appropriate law enforcement entities in Mexico and Central American and South American countries to combat human smuggling and trafficking operations in Mexico and such countries, S. 5321, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program, S. 5317, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the Homeland Security Information Network, S. 5319, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, S. 5028, to require Federal contractors to implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, S. 5019, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “United States

Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building”, H.R. 6972, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require an Executive agency whose head is a member of the National Security Council to notify the Executive Office of the President, the Comptroller General of the United States, and congressional leadership of such head becoming medically incapacitated within 24 hours, H.R. 7528, to amend section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002 to improve the integrity and management of mass comments and computer-generated comments in the regulatory review process, H.R. 9592, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, H.R. 3208, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program, H.R. 7832, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, H.R. 6231, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require a prioritized policy issuance review process for the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 8631, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries, H.R. 255, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, H.R. 9596, to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program, H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the “Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building”, H.R. 6162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the “LaBruce ‘Bruce’ Tidwell Post Office Building”, H.R. 6188, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, as the “Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building”, H.R. 6633, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9355 113th Street in Seminole, Florida, as the “Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building”, H.R. 6750, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the “Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 8057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the “Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office”, and 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, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider 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. 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, and the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 3 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Investigating the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women”, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Assessing the Veterans Health Administration Fiscal Year 2025 Potential Shortfall”, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Social Security Administration, 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Meeting the Challenges of Global Brain Health: Diagnosis and Treatment for the 21st Century”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 390, the “Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1395, the “Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 1584, the “Plum Island National Monument Act”; H.R. 2685, the “Mining Schools Act of 2023”; H.R. 2687, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3047, the “Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2023”; H.R. 3173, the “Northern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act of 2023”; H.R. 3971, the “Flatside Wilderness Additions Act”; H.R. 4338, the “Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act”;

H.R. 4748, the “Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act”; H.R. 5401, the “9/11 Memorial and Museum Act”; H.R. 6127, the “Modernizing Access to Our Public Waters Act”; H.R. 6210, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 6489, the “Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023”; H.R. 6994, the “ROUTES Act”; H.R. 7516, the “Purchased and Referred Care Improvement Act of 2024”; H.R. 7938, the “Klamath Basin Water Agreement Support Act of 2024”; H.R. 8012, the “Jackie Robinson Commemorative Site Act”; H.R. 8308, the “Nutria Eradication and Control Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 8665, the “Supercritical Geothermal Research and Development Act”; H.R. 8931, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; H.R. 8946, the “Reversionary Interest Conveyance Act”; and H.R. 9516, the “Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 7642, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 719 et seq.); H.R. 9514, the “Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act”; H.R. 9515, the “Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2024”; and H.R. 9969, to provide for a memorandum of understanding to address the impacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund, 3:15 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9491, the “Presidential Library Donation Reform Act”; H.R. 10133, the “Timely Stock Disclosure Act”; H.R. 10132, the “Federal Agency Performance Act”; legislation on the Financial Management Risk Reduction Act; H.R. 9040, the “Taxpayer Exposure Risk Reduction Act”; H.R. 10134, the “Natural Disaster Resilience and Recovery Accountability Act”; H.R. 10062, the “Freedom to Petition the Government Act”; H.R. 8690, the “Stop Secret Spending Act”; legislation on the “Modernizing Data Practices to Improve Government Act”; H.R. 8706, the “Dismantle DEI Act”; H.R. 8753, to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes; and several postal naming measures, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Life After Limb Loss: Examining VA Amputee Prosthetics Care”, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “VA Cybersecurity: Protecting Veteran Data from Evolving Threats”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, November 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:00 a.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate is expected to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Amir H. Ali, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, there will be up to 2 hours of debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Following disposition of the nomination of Amir H. Ali and after a period of debate, Senate expects to vote on or in relation to Senator Sanders's motions to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from consideration of S.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services, S.J. Res. 113, providing for congressional disapproval of

the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services, and S.J. Res. 115, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed license amendment for the export of certain defense articles, defense services, and technical data to Israel.

Following the vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 115 and after a period of debate, Senate expects to vote on Senator Paul's motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 117, relating to the disapproval of the Presidential report with respect to the indebtedness of the Government of Ukraine, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sparkle L. Sooknanan, of the District of Columbia, to be District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes in regard to pending nominations throughout the evening.

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