

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6825–6855*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5429–5451, S.J. Res. 119–120, and S. Res. 922.

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#### Measures Reported:

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. Rept. No. 118–264)

S. 5093, to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–265)

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#### Measures Passed:

*Condemning the Government of Iran's State-Sponsored Persecution of the Baha'i Minority:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 74, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S6830–32**

Wyden Amendment No. 3312, to amend the preamble.

**Pages S6831–32**

*Secure Adjacent Federal Property Act:* Senate passed S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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*American Music Tourism Act:* Senate passed S. 4212, to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Van Hollen (for Blackburn) Amendment No. 3313, to provide a technical correction.

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*National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act:* Senate passed S. 3606, to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6853–55**

*Stomach Cancer Awareness Month:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 908, expressing support for the goals of Stomach Cancer Awareness Month, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Johnson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

**Pages S6825–28, S6828–29**

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 315), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 9, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination as provided under the order of Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

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**Neary Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

**Pages S6829–30, S6832–38**

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

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 316), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 314), Sarah Morgan Davenport, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S6851  
**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—316) Pages S6828–29, S6833  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:37 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6855.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PFAS EXPOSURES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the public health impacts of PFAS exposures, after receiving testimony from Laurel Schaidler, Silent Spring Institute, Newton, Massachusetts; Suzanne E. Fenton, North Carolina State University Center for Human Health and

the Environment, Raleigh; and Michael Larranaga, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Dallas, Texas.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David Samuel Johnson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

### GLOBAL MAGNITSKY LAWS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Global Magnitsky Laws, after receiving testimony from Adam Keith, Human Rights First, New York, New York; and William Browder, Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign, London, United Kingdom.

### USPS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Postal Service, focusing on understanding proposed service changes, after receiving testimony from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service.

### FDA

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine what the Food and Drug Administration is doing to reduce the diabetes and obesity epidemics in America, focusing on the food and beverage industry, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Califf, Commissioner, and Jim Jones, Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 10299–10316; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1608–1609, were introduced. Pages H6412–13  
**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H6414  
**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
 H.R. 3378, to establish criminal offenses with respect to violations involving ATMs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–798, Part 1);

H.R. 6322, to evaluate and disrupt financing to Hamas, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the exchange stabilization fund from being used to deal in Special Drawing Rights from state sponsors of terrorism, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–799, Part 1);

H.R. 8302, to establish a commission to review the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and make recommendations for legislative reforms, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–800, Part 1);

H.R. 5409, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to determine whether a national security review is needed for reportable agricultural land transactions referred by the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–801, Part 1);

H.R. 5557, to impose sanctions against certain persons engaged in the proliferation or use of foreign commercial spyware, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–802, Part 1);

H.R. 6000, to freeze \$6,000,000,000 of Iranian funds held in Qatar, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–803, Part 1);

H.R. 760, to impose sanctions with respect to Communist Chinese military and surveillance companies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–804, Part 1);

H.R. 5523, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include information in the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report on improvements by countries in combating narcotics-related money laundering, to require a report on the consistency of Bank Secrecy Act examinations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–805, Part 1);

H.R. 5845, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to address transaction account guarantees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–806, Part 1);

H.R. 9313, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to report to Congress on the compliance under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 of all office buildings under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the General Services Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–807);

H.R. 9541, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize Federal agencies to provide certain essential assistance for hazard mitigation for electric utilities, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 118–808);

H.R. 6083, to amend the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to extend waiver of duplicate benefits limitation for certain payments to individuals in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–809);

H.R. 9591, to require the Administrator of General Services to sell certain property related to United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–810);

H.R. 9750, to authorize the President to provide disaster assistance to States and Indian Tribes under a major disaster recovery program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–811);

H.R. 9037, to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (H. Rept. 118–812);

H.R. 9024, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to take certain actions relating to incident periods and extreme weather, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–813);

H.R. 2892, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of local alerting systems, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–814);

H.R. 6984, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–815);

H.R. 8728, to establish alternate procedures for lump sum payments for certain covered small disasters, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–816);

H.R. 9121, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian Tribal Governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–817);

H.R. 8530, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–818);

H.R. 6435, to ensure that a declaration for a major disaster or emergency is made on a timely basis, rural areas receive assistance, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–819);

H.R. 9740, to direct the Secretary of Defense to increase the maximum amount of contraceptive supplies provided to a beneficiary through the TRICARE Program (H. Rept. 118–820);

H.R. 4406, to require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–821, Part 1);

H.R. 3284, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report on the impact of certain Medicare regulations on provider and payer consolidation with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–822); and

H.R. 3284, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report on the impact of certain Medicare regulations on provider and payer consolidation with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–765, Part 2);

**Pages H6411–12**

**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 11:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H6376**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H6395**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Wednesday, December 4th.

**Federal Agency Performance Act:** S. 709, amended, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 484; **Page H6395**

**Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2024:** H.R. 9598, amended, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act to reauthorize such Office, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 485; and **Pages H6396–97**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the “Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office”:** H.R. 9600, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the “Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 15 nays with two voting “present”, Roll No. 486. **Pages H6396–97**

**Prove It Act of 2024:** H.R. 7198, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 489.

**Pages H6379–92, H6397–H6400**

Rejected the Landsman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 488.

**Pages H6397–H6400**

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

**Pages H6379–80**

Rejected:

Velázquez amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–791) that sought to require the Office of Advocacy to train rule-writing staff at agencies on the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act at least once every four years (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 487). **Pages H6397–H6400**

H. Res. 1602, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5349) and (H.R. 7198) was agreed to yesterday, December 4th.

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Casten rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolu-

tion, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Scalise motion to refer to the Committee on Ethics the resolution (H. Res. 1608), directing the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives to release to the public the committee’s report on its investigation into allegations against former Representative Matt Gaetz, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 490. **Pages H6400–01**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Cohen rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Scalise motion to refer to the Committee on Ethics the resolution (H. Res. 1609) directing the Committee on Ethics to preserve and release records of the Committee’s review of the alleged misconduct of Matthew Louis Gaetz II of Florida while serving as a Member of the House of Representatives, by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 491. **Pages H6401–02**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Kim, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Third Congressional District of New Jersey, effective on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 712 was held at the desk. S. 3242 was held at the desk. S. 3738 was held at the desk. S. 4477 was held at the desk. **Page H6369**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6369.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6395, H6396, H6396–97, H6397–98, H6399, H6400, H6401, and H6402.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DESIGN VS. DEFAULT: ANALYZING SHIFTS IN CYBERSECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Design vs. Default: Analyzing Shifts in Cybersecurity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Census Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Robert

L. Santos, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

#### **FACT AND FICTION: GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE VA BUDGET SHORTFALL**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Fact and Fiction: Getting to the Bottom of the VA Budget Shortfall". Testimony was heard from Shereef Elnahal, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Joshua Jacobs, Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **REBUILDING THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY: THE IMPERATIVE TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND WORKFORCE**

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Rebuilding the Arsenal of Democracy: The Imperative to Strengthen America's Defense Industrial Base and Workforce". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SECRET SERVICE SECURITY FAILURES AND THE ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD J. TRUMP**

*Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Secret Service Security Failures and the Attempts to Assassinate President-Elect Donald J. Trump". Testimony was heard from Ronald Rowe, Acting Direc-

tor, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump:* Full Committee held a business meeting on Final Report of Findings and Recommendations. Final Report of Findings and Recommendations were ordered reported, without amendment.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **BELARUS**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the role of Belarus in Russia's crimes, after receiving testimony from Gabrielius Landsbergis, Republic of Lithuania Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs; Matvei Kupreichyk, BELPOL; and Kateryna Rashevskaya, Regional Center for Human Rights.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, December 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, December 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 5349—Crucial Communism Teaching Act.

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