

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6891–S6939

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5460–5471, and S. Res. 923–926.

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Measures Reported:

S. 4579, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 926, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

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Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 4776, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Sanders) Amendment No. 3314, in the nature of a substitute.

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First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act: Senate passed H.R. 3254, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards.

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HEARTS Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6829, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation and dissemination of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources to identify more at-risk families, to authorize research and surveillance activities relating to cardiomyopathy, and the bill was then passed.

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Everett Alvarez, Jr. Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1097, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the Nation, and the bill was then passed. Page S6935

Paperwork Burden Reduction Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3797, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternative manner of furnishing certain health insurance coverage statements to individuals, and the bill was then passed.

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Employer Reporting Improvement Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3801, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to streamline and improve the employer reporting process relating to health insurance coverage and to protect dependent privacy, and the bill was then passed.

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Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6960, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, and the bill was then passed.

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Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act: Senate passed H.R. 7872, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to modify certain requirements applicable to salinity control units. Page S6936

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 43, expressing support for the designation of September 29, 2024, as “Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Carper) Amendment No. 3315, to amend the preamble.

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Hispanic Restaurant Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 836, recognizing Hispanic Restaurant

Week and the contributions of Hispanic restaurant owners and employees to the restaurant industry, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6936**

National Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 924, designating December 14, 2024, as “National Wreaths Across America Day”. **Page S6936**

Death of Former Senator Fred R. Harris: Senate agreed to S. Res. 925, relating to the death of the Honorable Fred R. Harris, former Senator for the State of Oklahoma. **Pages S6936–37**

Office Of Congressional Workplace Rights Regulations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the notice of adoption of regulations from the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights be printed in the Record. **Page S6937**

McFerran Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S6891–96, S6896–S6902**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. **Page S6939**

Marzano Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S6907**

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 on Thursday, December 12, 2024. **Page S6907**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6907**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6907**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 318), Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6896, S6939**

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 319), Cynthia Valenzuela Dixon, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S6902–07, S6939**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—319) **Pages S6896, S6903**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Fred R. Harris, former Senator for the State of Oklahoma, in accordance with S. Res. 925, at 6:56 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6939.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MASS DEPORTATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mass deportations, after receiving testimony from Major General Randy Manner, USA (Ret.), Department of Defense; Foday Turay, Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, American Immigration Council, and Andrew R. Arthur, Center for Immigration Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Patty Morin, Aberdeen, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 10332–10349; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1613, were introduced. **Pages H6799–H6800**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6801**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1612, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7673) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (S. 4199) to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships; and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5009) to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–825);

H.R. 6229, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a program to assess the threat, vulnerability, and consequences of terrorism or other security threats, as appropriate, to certain events, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–826, Part 1);

H.R. 5874, to amend the United States–Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act to reauthorize the United States–Mexico transboundary aquifer assessment program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–827);

H.R. 6235, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–828, Part 1);

H.R. 7072, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the Chequamegon–Nicolet National Forest to Tony’s Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–829, Part 1);

H.R. 7375, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–830);

H.R. 6482, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–831);

H.R. 1437, to authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures in order to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock,

and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–832);

H.R. 8450, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate certain minerals for designation as critical minerals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–833);

H.R. 7776, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–834);

H.R. 1647, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the “Salem Maritime National Historical Park” and for the purposes (H. Rept. 118–835);

H.R. 3119, to provide for the issuance of a Manatee Semipostal Stamp (H. Rept. 118–836, Part 1);

H.R. 8704, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to foster enhanced coexistence between ocean users and North Atlantic right whales and other large cetacean species, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–837, Part 1);

H.R. 6085, to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–838);

H.R. 6547, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from implementing the Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–839);

H.R. 1395, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–840, Part 1);

H.R. 5401, to provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–841);

H.R. 6127, 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, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–842, Part 1);

H.R. 8931, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park (H. Rept. 118–843);

H.R. 8946, to convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California (H. Rept. 118–844);

H.R. 9516, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for lifetime National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes for family members of members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives while serving their country, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–845, Part 1);

H.R. 7365, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–846, Part 1);

H.R. 7938, 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, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–847);

H.R. 8012, to establish the Jackie Robinson Ballpark National Commemorative Site in the State of Florida, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–848);

H.R. 8308, to reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 (H. Rept. 118–849);

H.R. 9668, to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a working group relating to countering terrorist, cybersecurity, border and port security, and transportation security threats posed to the United States by the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–850, Part 1);

H.R. 8033, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the information required to be included in a certification by an agency that a rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities (H. Rept. 118–851, Part 1);

H.R. 9030, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”), to ensure complete disclosure of an agency’s annual regulatory agenda (H. Rept. 118–852, Part 1);

H.R. 9031, to require Federal agency heads to submit a report on the implementation of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–853, Part 1);

H.R. 9032, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–854, Part 1);

H.R. 9033, to amend title 5, United States Code, to apply regulatory flexibility analysis requirements for the Department of Labor (H. Rept. 118–855, Part 1);

H.R. 9085, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications to how agencies con-

duct periodic reviews of agency rules, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–856, Part 1);

H.R. 190, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the exception for de minimis payments by third party settlement organizations with respect to returns relating to payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, as in effect prior to the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–857);

H.R. 9689, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–858); and

H.R. 9769, to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by People’s Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–859).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 9th.

Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act: S. 4367, amended, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 493; and

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Improving Federal Building Security Act of 2024: S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 496.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

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

Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act: H.R. 9769, to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force

and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by People's Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors;

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DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program Act: H.R. 9689, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program;

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DHS Special Events Program and Support Act: H.R. 6229, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a program to assess the threat, vulnerability, and consequences of terrorism or other security threats, as appropriate, to certain events;

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Veterans Expedited TSA Screening Safe Travel Act: H.R. 7365, amended, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans;

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Strategic Homeland Intelligence and Enforcement Legislation to Defend against the CCP Act: H.R. 9668, amended, to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a working group relating to countering terrorist, cybersecurity, border and port security, and transportation security threats posed to the United States by the Chinese Communist Party, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 498;

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Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024: S. 2781, to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines; and

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Amtrak Transparency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act: H.R. 8692, amended, to require that the Amtrak Board of Directors comply with the open meetings requirements of section 552b of title 5.

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Liberty in Laundry Act: The House passed H.R. 7673, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 497.

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H. Res. 1612, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 7673), (S. 4199), and (H.R. 5009) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 495, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 494.

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Senate Referrals: S. 1868 was held at the desk. S. 3606 was held at the desk. S. 4212 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 appear on page H6558.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6555–56, H6556–57, H6557, H6557–58, H6580, and H6580–81.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a budget hearing and an oversight hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia; Phil Mendelson, Chair, District of Columbia City Council; and Glen Lee, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia.

GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT: OPEN BORDER POLICIES AND THREATS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology held a hearing entitled "Given the Green Light: Open Border Policies and Threats to Law Enforcement". Testimony was heard from Patrick J. Ryder, Commissioner, Nassau County Police Department, New York; and public witnesses.

SAFEGUARDING THE HOMELAND FROM UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a joint hearing entitled "Safeguarding the Homeland from Unmanned Aerial Systems". Testimony was heard from Keith Jones, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Robert W. Wheeler, Jr., Assistant Director of the Critical Incident Response Group, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Brad Wiegmann, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

DESECRATING OLD GLORY: INVESTIGATING HOW THE PRO-HAMAS PROTESTS TURNED NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND INTO A VIOLENT DISGRACE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Desecrating Old Glory: Investigating How the Pro-Hamas Protests Turned National Park Service Land into a Violent Disgrace”. Testimony was heard from Mark Lee Greenblatt, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Charles Cuvelier, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service”. Testimony was heard from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Gordon I. Ito, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Financial Sta-

bility Oversight Council; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine consumer protection, focusing on protecting workers' money and fighting for the dignity of work, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, to hold hearings to examine communications networks safety and security, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Capitol Police, 2:45 p.m., SR-301.

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

House

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Sounding the Alarm: Pathways and Possible Solutions to the U.S. Fiscal Crisis”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of AmeriCorps and Its FY 2024 Audit Failure”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Assessment of the State Department’s Withdrawal from Afghanistan by America’s Top Diplomat”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Communist Cuban Regime’s Disregard for Human Rights”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementation”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of the Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Program”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, December 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 12 noon.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Wednesday's session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 11

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of S. 4199—JUDGES Act of 2024.

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