

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6941–S6977

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 5472–5496 **Pages S6972–73**

Measures Passed:

Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1351, to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Merkley/Cornyn Amendment No. 3316, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6952–53, S6973–74**

PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 5060, to reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6975–76**

Eliminate Useless Reports Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5301, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6976**

Stop Campus Hazing Act: Senate passed H.R. 5646, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose hazing incidents. **Page S6976**

Message from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–63) **Page S6969**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was

originally declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, with respect to global illicit drug trafficking; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–64)

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McFerran Nomination: 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.

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

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. EX. 320), Senate failed to agree to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6946**

Ditelberg Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Joshua L. Ditelberg, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board be withdrawn. **Page S6946**

Marzano Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Pages S6947–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 12, 2024; and that the motion to invoked cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 11:30 a.m. **Page S6976**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 321), Noel Wise, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S6963–67**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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 Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6974**
 Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—321) **Pages S6946, S6963**
 Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6976.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection, focusing on protecting workers' money and fighting for the dignity of work, after re-

ceiving testimony from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine communications networks safety and security, after receiving testimony from James Andrew Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Alexandria, Virginia; Justin Sherman, Global Cyber Strategies, Washington, D.C.; Tim Donovan, Competitive Carriers Association, Falls Church, Virginia; and James Mulvenon, Pamir Consulting, Burke, Virginia.

USCP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Chief J. Thomas Manger, United States Capitol Police.

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: 29 public bills, H.R. 10350–10378; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134; and H. Res. 1614, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7112–13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1377, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–860, Part 1);

H.R. 9716, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide baseline updates, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–861);

H.R. 115, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and

for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–862, Part 1);

H.R. 7137, to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–863); and

H.R. 7779, to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–823, Part 1). **Page H7110**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moore to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6803**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H6813**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H6827**

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

Directing the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain

communities: H.R. 8753, amended, to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities; and

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Increasing Baseline Updates Act: H.R. 9716, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide baseline updates, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 499.

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Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act: The House agreed to the Rogers (AL) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5009, to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 500.

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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 yesterday, December 10th.

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 134, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009.

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Former Members Day: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings during the former Members program be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 12th.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuses and corruption declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, is to continue in effect beyond December 20, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–183).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to global illicit drug trafficking declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond December 15, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–184).

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Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 43 was held at the desk. S. 4776 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7100.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7098–99 and H7099.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SOUNDING THE ALARM: PATHWAYS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE U.S. FISCAL CRISIS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Sounding the Alarm: Pathways and Possible Solutions to the U.S. Fiscal Crisis”. Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General of the United States; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF AMERICORPS AND ITS FY 2024 AUDIT FAILURE

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of AmeriCorps and Its FY 2024 Audit Failure”. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Smith, Chief Executive Officer, AmeriCorps; and Stephen Ravas, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, AmeriCorps.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN BY AMERICA'S TOP DIPLOMAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Assessment of the State Department's Withdrawal from Afghanistan by America's Top Diplomat”. Testimony was heard from Antony Blinken, Secretary, Department of State.

THE COMMUNIST CUBAN REGIME'S DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Communist Cuban Regime's Disregard for Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from former Member Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “FAA

Reauthorization Act of 2024: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VETERANS READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Examining the Effectiveness of the Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Program". Testimony was heard from Nick Pamperin, Executive Director, Veteran Readiness and Employment, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kenneth P. Smith, Assistant Deputy Undersecretary, Operation Management Team, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of David Mi-

chael Capozzi, of Maryland, Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, and Lanhee J. Chen, of California, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Lisa T. Ballance, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Felix R. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, and Adam Jeffrey White, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, L. E. Sola, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation hearing to examine U.S. Air Traffic Control systems, personnel, and safety, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Benjamin J. Cheeks, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Serena Raquel Murillo, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine empowering people with disabilities to live, work, learn, and thrive, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senators should expect a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination in the early afternoon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 12

House Chamber

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

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