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¹ Senator Menendez resigned from the Senate August 20, 2024.

² Senator George Helmy joined the committee September 10, 2024. He resigned from the Senate on December 8, 2024.

³ Senator Andy Kim joined the committee December 10, 2024.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2025.

Honorable JACKIE BARBER,
Secretary, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SECRETARY: In accordance with rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate and the pertinent unanimous consent order pertaining to this rule, I am transmitting herewith a report on the activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate for the 118th Congress.

Sincerely,

MIKE CRAPO, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE DURING THE 118TH CONGRESS

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Mr. CRAPO, from the Committee on Finance,
submitted the following

REPORT

This report reviews the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Finance during the 118th Congress. These activities parallel the broad scope of responsibilities vested in the committee by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, rule XXV(k) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and additional authorizing resolutions.

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Rule XXV(i) of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires reference to this committee of all proposed legislation, and other matters, dealing with (i) Committee on Finance, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Bonded debt of the United States, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
2. Customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery.
3. Deposit of public moneys.
4. General revenue sharing.
5. Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
6. National social security.
7. Reciprocal trade agreements.
8. Revenue measures generally, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
9. Revenue measures relating to the insular possessions.
10. Tariffs and import quotas, and matters related thereto.
11. Transportation of dutiable goods.

COMMITTEE RULES

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1. *Regular Meeting Days.*—The regular meeting day of the committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except that if there be no business before the committee the regular meeting shall be omitted.

Rule 2. *Committee Meetings.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 3 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to special meetings called by a majority of the committee) and subsection (b) of this rule, committee meetings, for the conduct of business, for the purpose of holding hearings, or for any other purpose, shall be called by the chairman. Members will be notified of committee meetings at least 48 hours in advance, unless the chairman determines that an emergency situation requires a meeting on shorter notice. The notification will include a written agenda together with materials prepared by the staff relating to that agenda. After the agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no nongermane items may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.

(b) In the absence of the chairman, meetings of the committee may be called by the ranking majority member of the committee who is present, provided authority to call meetings has been delegated to such member by the chairman.

Rule 3. *Presiding Officer.*—(a) The chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the committee except that in his absence the ranking majority member who is present at the meeting shall preside.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) any member of the committee may preside over the conduct of a hearing.

Rule 4. *Quorums.*—(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) one-third of the membership of the committee, including not less than one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) one member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

Rule 5. *Reporting of Measures or Recommendations.*—No measure or recommendation shall be reported from the committee unless a majority of the committee is actually present and a majority of those present concur.

Rule 6. *Proxy Voting; Polling.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 7(a)(3) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitation on use of proxy voting to report a measure or matter), members who are unable to be present may have their vote recorded by proxy.

(b) At the discretion of the committee, members who are unable to be present and whose vote has not been cast by proxy may be polled for the purpose of recording their vote on any roll call taken by the committee.

Rule 7. *Order of Motions.*—When several motions are before the committee dealing with related or overlapping matters, the chairman may specify the order in which the motions shall be voted upon.

Rule 8. *Bringing a Matter to a Vote.*—If the chairman determines that a motion or amendment has been adequately debated, he may call for a vote on such motion or amendment, and the vote shall then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate on such motion or amendment, as the case may be. The vote on a motion to continue debate on any motion or amendment shall be taken without debate.

Rule 9. *Public Announcement of Committee Votes.*—Pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public announcement of votes), the results of roll call votes taken by the committee on any measure (or amendment thereto) or matter shall be announced publicly not later than the day on which such measure or matter is ordered reported from the committee.

Rule 10. *Subpoenas.*—Subpoenas for attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, and records shall be issued by the chairman, or by any other member of the committee designated by him.

Rule 11. *Nominations.*—In considering a nomination, the committee may conduct an investigation or review of the nominee's experience, qualifications, and suit-

ability, to serve in the position to which he or she has been nominated. To aid in such investigation or review, each nominee may be required to submit a sworn detailed statement including biographical, financial, policy, and other information which the committee may request. The committee may specify which items in such statement are to be received on a confidential basis. Witnesses called to testify on the nomination may be required to testify under oath.

Rule 12. *Open Committee Hearings.*—To the extent required by paragraph 5 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitations on open hearings), each hearing conducted by the committee shall be open to the public.

Rule 13. *Announcement of Hearings.*—The committee shall undertake consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4(a) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public notice of committee hearings) to issue public announcements of hearings it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearings.

Rule 14. *Witnesses at Hearings.*—(a) Each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing must submit his written testimony to the staff director not later than noon of the business day immediately before the last business day preceding the day on which he is scheduled to appear. Such written testimony shall be accompanied by a brief summary of the principal points covered in the written testimony. Having submitted his written testimony, the witness shall be allowed not more than 10 minutes for oral presentation of his statement.

(b) Witnesses may not read their entire written testimony, but must confine their oral presentation to a summarization of their arguments.

(c) Witnesses shall observe proper standards of dignity, decorum, and propriety while presenting their views to the committee. Any witness who violates this rule shall be dismissed, and his testimony (both oral and written) shall not appear in the record of the hearing.

(d) In scheduling witnesses for hearings, the staff shall attempt to schedule witnesses so as to attain a balance of views early in the hearings. Every member of the committee may designate witnesses who will appear before the committee to testify. To the extent that a witness designated by a member cannot be scheduled to testify during the time set aside for the hearing, a special time will be set aside for the witness to testify if the member designating that witness is available at that time to chair the hearing.

Rule 15. *Audiences.*—Persons admitted into the audience for open hearings of the committee shall conduct themselves with the dignity, decorum, courtesy, and propriety traditionally observed by the Senate. Demonstrations of approval or disapproval of any statement or act by any member or witness are not allowed. Persons creating confusion or distractions or otherwise disrupting the orderly proceeding of the hearing shall be expelled from the hearing.

Rule 16. *Broadcasting of Hearings.*—(a) Broadcasting of open hearings by television or radio coverage shall be allowed upon approval by the chairman of a request filed with the staff director not later than noon of the day before the day on which such coverage is desired.

(b) If such approval is granted, broadcasting coverage of the hearing shall be conducted unobtrusively and in accordance with the standards of dignity, propriety, courtesy, and decorum traditionally observed by the Senate.

(c) Equipment necessary for coverage by television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing room while the committee is in session.

(d) Additional lighting may be installed in the hearing room by the media in order to raise the ambient lighting level to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing at the then current state of the art of television coverage.

(e) The additional lighting authorized by subsection (d) of this rule shall not be directed into the eyes of any members of the committee or of any witness, and at the request of any such member or witness, offending lighting shall be extinguished.

Rule 17. *Subcommittees.*—(a) The chairman, subject to the approval of the committee, shall appoint legislative subcommittees. All legislation shall be kept on the full committee calendar unless a majority of the members present and voting agree to refer specific legislation to an appropriate subcommittee.

(b) The chairman may limit the period during which House-passed legislation referred to a subcommittee under paragraph (a) will remain in that subcommittee. At the end of that period, the legislation will be restored to the full committee calendar. The period referred to in the preceding sentences should be 6 weeks, but may be extended in the event that adjournment or a long recess is imminent.

(c) All decisions of the chairman are subject to approval or modification by a majority vote of the committee.

(d) The full committee may at any time by majority vote of those members present discharge a subcommittee from further consideration of a specific piece of legislation.

(e) The chairman and ranking minority member shall serve as nonvoting *ex officio* members of the subcommittees on which they do not serve as voting members.

(f) Any member of the committee may attend hearings held by any subcommittee and question witnesses testifying before that subcommittee.

(g) Subcommittee meeting times shall be coordinated by the staff director to ensure that—

(1) no subcommittee meeting will be held when the committee is in executive session, except by unanimous consent;

(2) no more than one subcommittee will meet when the full committee is holding hearings; and

(3) not more than two subcommittees will meet at the same time.

Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), a subcommittee may meet when the full committee is holding hearings and two subcommittees may meet at the same time only upon the approval of the chairman and the ranking minority member of the committee and subcommittees involved.

(h) All nominations shall be considered by the full committee.

(i) The chairman will attempt to schedule reasonably frequent meetings of the full committee to permit consideration of legislation reported favorably to the committee by the subcommittees.

Rule 18. *Transcripts of Committee Meetings.*—An accurate record shall be kept of all markups of the committee, whether they be open or closed to the public. A transcript, marked as “uncorrected,” shall be available for inspection by members of the Senate, or members of the committee together with their staffs, at any time. Not later than 21 business days after the meeting occurs, the committee shall make publicly available through the Internet—

(a) a video recording;

(b) an audio recording; or

(c) after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements, a corrected transcript.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of the record of an executive session of the committee that is closed to the public pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record shall not be published or made public in any way except by majority vote of the committee after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements made.

Rule 19. *Amendment of Rules.*—The foregoing rules may be added to, modified, amended, or suspended at any time.

TAX

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 118th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee continued its focus on tax proposals to help working families, drive new investments in U.S. innovation and manufacturing, encourage local economic development, and curb tax avoidance strategies.

The committee marked up the United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act (S. 3084) on September 14, 2023, resulting in a 27–0 vote.

Throughout both sessions, the committee continued discussions with the Treasury Department on the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the ongoing negotiations at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) related to tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy.

The committee held a number of hearings on support for families, innovation and manufacturing, and tax fairness. On support for families, the committee discussed policies related to the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, the cost of child care, how to fight poverty, helping create savings accounts for children, and expanding access to affordable housing. Innovation and manufacturing were the focus of hearings on the Inflation Reduction Act, local economic development, and growing domestic manufacturing, as well as marking up legislation to address double-tax issues with Taiwan, an effort that would boost domestic semiconductor manufacturing. The committee also focused on evaluating fairness in the tax code, including a review of policies from the 2017 tax law as well as tax avoidance strategies.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2023

March 7, 2023—“Tax Policy’s Role in Increasing Affordable Housing Supply for Working Families.” Testimony was heard from Denise Scott, president, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), New York, NY; Steve Walker, executive director, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Seattle, WA; Sharon Wilson Géno, president, National Multifamily Housing Council, Washington, DC; Mark A. Calabria, Ph.D., senior advisor, Cato Institute, Washington, DC; and Garrett Watson, senior policy analyst and modeling manager, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC.

March 16, 2023—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget With Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Janet L. Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

April 19, 2023—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2024 IRS Budget and the IRS’s 2023 Filing Season.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Daniel I. Werfel, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.

May 11, 2023—“Cross-border Rx: Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and U.S. International Tax Policy.” Testimony was heard from Brad W. Setser, Whitney Shepherdson senior fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC; Daniel Bunn, president and CEO, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC; Diane M. Ring, professor of law, Boston College Law School, Boston, MA; and William Morris, deputy global tax policy leader, PwC, Washington, DC.

May 16, 2023—“House Republican Supplemental IRS Funding Cuts: Analyzing the Impact on Federal Law Enforcement and the Federal Deficit.” Testimony was heard from Natasha Sarin, Ph.D., associate professor, Yale Law School, Yale School of Management, and former Treasury Counselor for Tax Policy and Implementation, New Haven, CT; John Fort, director of investigations, Kostelanetz LLP; and former Chief, Criminal Investigation, IRS, Washington, DC; Pete Sepp, president, National Taxpayers Union, Washington, DC; and Chris Edwards, Kilts Family Chair in Fiscal Studies, Cato Institute, Washington, DC.

May 18, 2023—“Tax Incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act: Jobs and Investment in Energy Communities.” Testimony was heard from Katie Harris, Ph.D., legislative director, BlueGreen Alliance, Washington, DC; Hon. Daniel Simmons, principal, Simmons Energy and Environmental Strategies, Falls Church, VA; Philip Rossetti, resident senior fellow, energy and environment, R Street Institute, Washington, DC; and Patty Horvatic, senior vice president, business investment, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, Pittsburgh, PA.

June 14, 2023—“Anti-Poverty and Family Support Provisions in the Tax Code.” Testimony was heard from Amy K. Matsui, director of income security and senior counsel, National Women’s Law Center, Washington, DC; Melissa Lester, resident, Galloway, OH; Bruce D. Meyer, Ph.D., McCormick Foundation professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, and nonresident fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; and Grant Collins, senior vice president for workforce development, and president, Fedcap Inc., New York, NY.

November 9, 2023—“Examining How the Tax Code Affects High-Income Individuals and Tax Planning Strategies.” Testimony was heard from Chye-Ching Huang, executive director, Tax Law Center, New York University School of Law, New York, NY; Morris Pearl, chair, Patriotic Millionaires, New York, NY; William McBride, Ph.D., vice president of Federal tax policy and Stephen J. Entin fellow in economics, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., president, American Action Forum, Washington, DC.

2024

March 12, 2024—“American Made: Growing U.S. Manufacturing Through the Tax Code.” Testimony was heard from Mark R. Widmar, chief executive officer, First Solar, Inc., Tempe, AZ;

Anna Fendley, director of regulatory and State policy, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, PA; Shannon Janis, vice president of global tax, onsemi, Scottsdale, AZ; Courtney Silver, president and owner, Ketchie, Inc., Concord, NC; and Peter R. Huntsman, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, Huntsman Corporation, The Woodlands, TX.

March 21, 2024—"The President's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget." Testimony was heard from Hon. Janet L. Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

April 16, 2024—"The President's Fiscal Year 2025 IRS Budget and the IRS 2024 Filing Season." Testimony was heard from Hon. Daniel I. Werfel, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.

May 21, 2024—"Child Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Advantaged Accounts Benefiting American Children." Testimony was heard from William Elliott, Ph.D., professor of social work, and director, Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Colleen Quint, president and CEO, Alfond Scholarship Foundation, Portland, ME; Veronique de Rugy, Ph.D., George Gibbs chair in political economy, and senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA; and Adam N. Michel, Ph.D., director of tax policy studies, Cato Institute, Washington, DC.

July 30, 2024—"Tax Tools for Local Economic Development." Testimony was heard from LaShea Lofton, Deputy City Manager, Dayton, OH; Julia Nelmark, president and CEO, Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation, Detroit Lakes, MN; Michael J. Novogradac, managing partner, Novogradac and Company LLP, San Francisco, CA; and Shay Hawkins, president, Opportunity Funds Association, Washington, DC.

September 12, 2024—"The 2025 Tax Policy Debate and Tax Avoidance Strategies." Testimony was heard from Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Doris Duke distinguished visiting fellow, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, and tax fellow, Roosevelt Institute, Washington, DC; Bob Lord, senior advisor, tax policy, Patriotic Millionaires, Washington, DC; Jeff Brabant, vice president, Federal Government relations, National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, DC; and Daniel Bunn, president and CEO, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC.

FULL COMMITTEE OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

2023

September 14, 2023—Open Executive Session to consider an original bill entitled the United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act.

FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER MEETINGS

April 20, 2023—IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel on the IRS Strategic Operating Plan.

June 7, 2023—"Roundtable on Tackling Tax Complexity: The Small Business Perspective." Testimony was heard from Alicia Chapman, owner and CEO of Willamette Technical Fabricators, Port-

land, OR; Avonette Blanding, owner of Blanding Financial Solutions LLC, Baltimore, MD; Stephanie Camarillo, owner of Molly Maid of Boise and the Treasure Valley, Boise, ID; Michael Norris, president and CEO of Warrant Technologies, Bloomington, IN; and Roger Harris, president of Padgett Advisors, Athens, GA.
 October 31, 2023—IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel on IRS audit rates and racial disparities in audit selection.
 January 10, 2024—IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel on the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT

2023

July 13, 2023—“Assessing 25 Years of the Child Tax Credit (1997–2022).” Testimony was heard from Indivar Dutta-Gupta, president and executive director, Center for Law and Social Policy, Washington, DC; Katherine Micheltore, Ph.D., associate professor, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Kevin Corinth, Ph.D., senior fellow and deputy director, Center on Opportunity and Social Mobility, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; and Angela Rachidi, Ph.D., senior fellow and Rowe Scholar in Poverty Studies, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

2024

September 25, 2024—“Providing Small Business Relief from Remote Sales Tax Collection.” Testimony was heard from Joe Bishop-Henchman, executive vice president, National Taxpayers Union Foundation, Washington, DC; Craig Johnson, executive director, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Westby, WI; and Diane L. Yetter, president and founder, Sales Tax Institute, Chicago, IL.

TRADE

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 118th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee worked to expand trade and investment-related opportunities for American workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses. This work included thorough oversight and communication of committee priorities with respect to the administration's trade policy—including the various trade initiatives led by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Commerce.

The administration continued negotiating various trade-related initiatives, including the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity (APEP), the U.S./UK Dialogues on the Future of Atlantic Trade, the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade (U.S.-Taiwan Initiative), and the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP). In addition to these initiatives, the administration engaged with various U.S. trading partners on a range of issues through Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFAs) and Trade and Investment Councils (TICs), as well as through international forums such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

With respect to all of this work, the committee has consistently insisted on close congressional consultation and greater transparency and stakeholder engagement.

Throughout the 118th Congress, the committee also conducted oversight over the administration's implementation and enforcement of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), emphasizing the importance of full enforcement of all commitments in the Agreement.

With respect to legislation, the committee drafted the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill to approve the first trade agreement signed under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative and establish robust transparency and consultation requirements for any future agreements negotiated under the initiative. The legislation passed the Senate and the House of Representatives by unanimous consent. In addition, committee leadership facilitated Senate passage of the Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act, which requires U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to remove personally identifiable information, such as Social Security and passport numbers, from cargo manifests before public disclosure. The bill was also passed by the House of Representatives and signed into law by the President.

The committee also held hearings and member meetings to examine the successes and challenges of U.S. trade policies and to assess opportunities to improve and increase trade. The hearings in-

cluded “Ending Trade that Cheats American Workers,” the President’s 2023 and 2024 Trade Policy Agendas, and “Revitalizing and Renewing GSP, AGOA, and Other Trade Preference Programs.” The committee held a meeting of the Senate Advisory Group on Negotiations (SAGON) with Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo to discuss IPEF.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2023

February 16, 2023—“Ending Trade that Cheats American Workers By Modernizing Trade Laws and Enforcement, Fighting Forced Labor, Eliminating Counterfeits, and Leveling the Playing Field.” Testimony was heard from Cindy Allen, vice president, regulatory affairs and compliance, FedEx Logistics, Memphis, TN; Andy Meserve, president of Local 9423, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial, and Service Workers International Union (USW), Owensboro, TN; Scott Nova, executive director, Worker Rights Consortium, Washington, DC; John Pickel, senior director, internal supply chain policy, National Foreign Trade Council, Washington, DC; and Brenda B. Smith, global director, government outreach, Expeditors International of Washington, Inc., Glen Burnie, MD.

March 23, 2023—“The President’s 2023 Trade Policy Agenda.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Katherine C. Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC.

2024

April 17, 2024—“The President’s 2024 Trade Policy Agenda.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Katherine C. Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC.

June 5, 2024—“Revitalizing and Renewing GSP, AGOA, and Other Trade Preference Programs.” Testimony was heard from Florizelle Liser, president and CEO, Corporate Council on Africa, Washington, DC; Melissa Nelson, general counsel and corporate secretary, SanMar Corporation, Issaquah, WA; Scott Lincicome, vice president, General Economics and Stiefel Trade Policy Center, Cato Institute, Washington, DC; and Allison Gill, legal director, Global Labor Justice, Cambridge, MA.

FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER MEETINGS

May 2, 2023—Senate Advisory Group on Negotiations (SAGON) meeting with Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, CUSTOMS, AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

2023

May 16, 2023—“Economic Cooperation for a Stronger and More Resilient Western Hemisphere.” Testimony was heard from Jonathan Fantini Porter, CEO and executive director, Partnership for

Central America, Washington, DC; Eric Farnsworth, vice president, Council of the Americas, Washington, DC; Margaret Myers, director, Asia and Latin America Program, Inter-American Dialogue, and fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC; Cathy Feingold, director of the International Department, AFL-CIO, Washington, DC; and Neil Herrington, senior vice president, Americas Program, United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC.

2024

May 21, 2024—“Examining Trade Enforcement and Entry of Merchandise at U.S. Ports.” Testimony was heard from John Pickel, senior director, international supply chain policy, National Foreign Trade Council, Washington, DC; James H. Paylor, Jr., assistant general organizer, International Longshoreman’s Association, Pocono Pines, PA; and John Drake, vice president, transportation, infrastructure, and supply chain policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC.

HEALTH

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 118th Congress, the Senate Committee on Finance focused on improving mental health care for individuals covered under Medicare and Medicaid and increasing oversight of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).

In March 2023, the committee held a hearing on PBMs and the prescription drug supply chain, entitled “Pharmacy Benefit Managers and the Prescription Drug Supply Chain: Impact on Patients and Taxpayers,” focusing on key challenges and potential policy solutions. Building off of these discussions, in July 2023, the committee held a markup to consider the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability (MEPA) Act. This bipartisan legislation updates Federal prescription drug programs to address PBM practices that have grown increasingly complex and opaque in recent years, often at the expense of beneficiaries and taxpayers. MEPA’s major provisions set out new requirements for annual PBM drug price reporting to Part D plans and the Department of Health and Human Services to delink PBM compensation from medication prices and promote transparency for pharmacies under Medicare Part D, prevent the use of spread pricing in Medicaid, strengthen pharmacy access for seniors, and ensure accurate payments to pharmacies under Medicaid.

In May of 2023, the committee held a hearing on barriers to mental health care under Federal health programs, entitled “Barriers to Mental Health Care: Improving Provider Directory Accuracy to Reduce the Prevalence of Ghost Networks,” focusing on enhancing provider directory reliability and reducing the prevalence of ghost networks.

The committee later held a November markup of bipartisan health proposals in the “Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act.” The legislation aims to expand the mental health care workforce and services under Medicare and Medicaid; improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program; incentivize behavioral health integration with primary care; develop guidance on furnishing behavioral health services via telehealth to individuals with limited English proficiency under the Medicare program; require enhanced and accurate lists of health providers under Medicare Advantage (MA) plans; provide guidance to States on supporting mental health care services for youth; reduce prescription drug costs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries; ensure accurate payments to pharmacies under Medicaid; protect seniors from excessive cost sharing for certain medications; and extend funding for certain programs and provisions under Medicare.

The committee also worked on a bipartisan basis to address the ongoing increase in drug shortages. Key efforts included a June 2023 Request for Information (RFI) to subject matter experts and stakeholders on the complex factors fueling medication shortages, along with a December 2023 hearing entitled “Drug Shortages: Examining Supply Challenges, Impacts, and Policy Solutions from a Federal Health Program Perspective.”

In April 2024, the committee held a hearing to discuss approaches to updating the Medicare physician payment system and prioritizing the treatment and management of chronic care conditions among Medicare beneficiaries. Subsequently, the committee chairman and ranking member released a May 2024 white paper, “Bolstering Chronic Care Through Physician Payment: Current Challenges and Policy Options in Medicare Part B,” outlining policy concepts for reforming the way physicians are paid by Medicare, as well as for meeting the needs of those living with chronic illnesses.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2023

March 22, 2023—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2024 Health and Human Services Budget.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

March 30, 2023—“Pharmacy Benefit Managers and the Prescription Drug Supply Chain: Impact on Patients and Taxpayers.” Testimony was heard from Robin Feldman, Arthur J. Goldberg distinguished professor of law, Albert Abramson ’54 distinguished professor of law chair, and director of the Center for Innovation, University of California Law, San Francisco, CA; Karen Van Nuys, Ph.D., senior fellow, Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, and executive director, Value of Life Sciences Innovation Program, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA; Lawton Robert Burns, Ph.D., MBA, James Joo-Jin Kim professor, professor of health care management, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Jonathan Levitt, co-founding partner, Frier Levitt Attorneys at Law, Pine Brook, NJ; and Matthew Gibbs, Pharm.D., president, Capital Rx Inc., New York, NY.

May 3, 2023—“Barriers to Mental Health Care: Improving Provider Directory Accuracy to Reduce the Prevalence of Ghost Networks.” Testimony was heard from Keris Jän Myrick, vice president of partnerships, Inseparable, Washington, DC; Jack Resneck, Jr., M.D., president, American Medical Association, Chicago, IL; Robert L. Trestman, Ph.D., M.D., chair and professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, Carilion Clinic, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, on behalf of the American Psychiatric Association, Washington, DC; Mary Giliberti, J.D., chief of public policy, Mental Health America, Alexandria, VA; and Jeff Rideout, M.D., MA, FACP, president and CEO, Integrated Healthcare Association, Oakland, CA.

June 8, 2023—“Consolidation and Corporate Ownership in Health Care: Trends and Impacts on Access, Quality, and Costs.” Testi-

mony was heard from Zack Cooper, Ph.D., associate professor of public health, and associate professor of economics, Yale University, New Haven, CT; R. Shawn Martin, executive vice president and chief executive officer, American Academy of Family Physicians, Leawood, KS; Karen Joynt Maddox, M.D., MPH, associate professor, School of Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis, MO; Chris Thomas, FACHE, president and CEO, Community Hospital, Grand Junction, CO; and Caroline Pearson, executive director, Peterson Center on Healthcare, New York, NY.

October 18, 2023—“Medicare Advantage Annual Enrollment: Cracking Down on Deceptive Practices and Improving Senior Experiences.” Testimony was heard from Christina Reeg, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program Director, Ohio Department of Insurance, Columbus, OH; Cobi Blumenfeld-Gantz, CEO and co-founder, Chapter, New York, NY; and Krista Hoglund, A.S.A., MAAA, chief executive officer, Security Health Plan, Marshfield, WI.

December 5, 2023—“Drug Shortages: Examining Supply Challenges, Impacts, and Policy Solutions from a Federal Health Program Perspective.” Testimony was heard from Immaculada Hernandez, Pharm.D., Ph.D., professor, Division of Clinical Pharmacy, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA; Marta E. Wosińska, Ph.D., senior fellow, Schaeffer Initiative on Health Policy, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC; Allan Coukell, senior vice president, public policy, Civica Rx, Lehi, UT; and Jason R. Westin, M.D., MS, FACP, director, Lymphoma Clinical Research Program, and section chief, Aggressive Lymphoma, Department of Lymphoma and Myeloma, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

2024

February 8, 2024—“Artificial Intelligence and Health Care: Promise and Pitfalls.” Testimony was heard from Peter Shen, head of digital and automation for North America, Siemens Healthineers, Washington, DC; Mark Sendak, M.D., MPP, co-lead, Health AI Partnership, Durham, NC; Michelle M. Mello, J.D., Ph.D., professor of health policy and law, Stanford University, Stanford, CA; Ziad Obermeyer, M.D., associate professor and Blue Cross of California distinguished professor, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA; and Katherine Baicker, Ph.D., provost, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

March 14, 2024—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2025 Health and Human Services Budget.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

April 11, 2024—“Bolstering Chronic Care Through Medicare Physician Payment.” Testimony was heard from Amol Navathe, M.D., Ph.D., professor of health policy, medicine, and healthcare management, Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Steven P. Furr, M.D., FAAFP, president, American Academy of Family Physicians, Jackson, AL; Patricia L. Turner, M.D., MBA, FACS, executive director and chief executive officer, American College of Sur-

- geons, Chicago, IL; and Melanie Matthews, chief executive officer, Physicians of Southwest Washington (PSW), and president, MultiCare Connected Care, Olympia, WA.
- May 1, 2024—"Hacking America's Health Care: Assessing the Change Healthcare Cyber Attack and What's Next." Testimony was heard from Andrew Witty, chief executive officer, United-Health Group, Minnetonka, MN.
- May 16, 2024—"Rural Health Care: Supporting Lives and Improving Communities." Testimony was heard from Michael Topchik, executive director, Chartis Center for Rural Health, Chicago, IL; Jeremy P. Davis, MHA, president and CEO, Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande, OR; Lori Rodefelf, MS, director of GME development, Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural Graduate Medical Education (WCRGME), Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, Sauk City, WI; and Keith J. Mueller, Ph.D., Gerhard Hartman professor of health management and policy and director, Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), chair, RUPRI Health Panel, and director, RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis College of Public Health, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.
- May 23, 2024—"Front Lines of the Fentanyl Crisis: Supporting Communities and Combating Addiction Through Prevention and Treatment." Testimony was heard from Tony Vezina, executive director, 4th Dimension Recovery Center (4D), Portland, OR; Abigail J. Herron, D.O., vice president and chief behavioral health officer, The Institute for Family Health, New York, NY; Caleb J. Banta-Green, Ph.D., MPH, MSW, research professor, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA; and Jeanmarie Perrone, M.D., director, Center for Addiction Medicine and Policy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- September 17, 2024—"Lower Health Care Costs for Americans: Understanding the Benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act." Testimony was heard from Judith Aiken, retired registered nurse, Portland, ME; Kirsten Axelsen, nonresident fellow, American Enterprise Institute, and senior policy advisor, DLA Piper, Washington, DC; Rena Conti, Ph.D., dean's research scholar and associate professor, Department of Markets, Public Policy, and Law, Questrom School of Business, Boston University, Boston, MA; Theo Merkel, director, private health reform initiative and senior research fellow, Paragon Health Institute, Washington, DC, and senior fellow, Manhattan Institute, New York, NY; and Jeanne Lambrew, Ph.D., director of health care reform and senior fellow, The Century Foundation, New York, NY.
- September 24, 2024—"Chaos and Control: How Trump Criminalized Women's Health Care." Testimony was heard from Kaitlyn Joshua, Baton Rouge, LA; Amelia Huntsberger, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist, Eugene, OR; Christina Francis, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist, and chief executive officer, American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Fort Wayne, IN; Heather G. Hacker, J.D., partner, Hacker Stephens LLP, Austin, TX; and Michele Bratcher Goodwin, J.D., Linda D. and Timothy J. O'Neill professor of constitutional law and global health policy, and co-faculty director, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC.

FULL COMMITTEE OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

2023

July 26, 2023—Open Executive Session to consider the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability (MEPA) Act.

November 8, 2023—Open Executive Session to consider an original bill entitled the Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

2023

March 29, 2023—“An Oral Health Crisis: Identifying and Addressing Health Disparities.” Testimony was heard from Warren Brill, DMD, owner, Eastpoint Dentistry, and congressional liaison, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Baltimore, MD; Jonathan P. Forte, MHA, FACHE, president and CEO, RiverStone Health, Billings, MT; Cherae Farmer-Dixon, D.D.S., MSPH, MBA, FACD, FICD, dean and professor, School of Dentistry, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN; and Marko Vujicic, Ph.D., chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute, American Dental Association, Chicago, IL.

May 17, 2023—“Improving Health Care Access in Rural Communities: Obstacles and Opportunities.” Testimony was heard from Erin Aune, MBA, CRHCP, vice president of strategic programs, Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, Glasgow, MT; Sara K. Rich, president and CEO, Choptank Community Health System, Denton, MD; David C. Herman, M.D., CEO, Essentia Health, Duluth, MN; and Mark Holmes, Ph.D., director, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, director, North Carolina Rural Health Research Center, and professor, Health Policy and Management, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

July 20, 2023—“The Cost of Inaction and the Urgent Need to Reform the U.S. Transplant System.” Testimony was heard from LaQuayia Goldring, kidney transplant recipient and kidney transplant candidate, Louisville, KY; Molly J. McCarthy, vice chair and Region 6 Patient Affairs Committee representative, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), and 3-time kidney transplant recipient, Redmond, WA; Matthew D. Wadsworth, president and CEO, Life Connection of Ohio, Kettering, OH; Raymond J. Lynch, M.D., M.S., FACS, professor of surgery and public health director, transplantation quality and outcomes, The Pennsylvania State College of Medicine at Hershey, Hershey, PA; and Donna R. Cryer, J.D., founder and CEO, Global Liver Institute, Washington, DC.

September 19, 2023—“Aging in Place: The Vital Role of Home Health in Access to Care.” Testimony was heard from Carrie Edwards, R.N., BSN, MHA, LSSGB, director, Home Care Services, Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings, NE; Judith A. Stein, J.D., executive director/attorney, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Willimantic, CT; Tracy M. Mroz, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, associate professor, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; William A. Dombi, J.D., presi-

dent, National Association of Home Care and Hospice, Washington, DC; and David C. Grabowski, Ph.D., professor, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

November 14, 2023—“Ensuring Medicare Beneficiary Access: A Path to Telehealth Permanency.” Testimony was heard from Nicki Perisho, BSN, R.N., principal investigator and program director, Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center, Whitefish, MT; Eric Wallace, M.D., FASN, professor of medicine, UAB eMedicine, medical director, co-director of home dialysis, and director of Rare Genetic Kidney Disease Clinic, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL; Chad Ellimoottil, M.D., MS, associate professor and medical director of virtual care, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; and Ateev Mehrotra, M.D., MPH, professor of health care policy, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

2024

April 9, 2024—“Roundtable on Closing Gaps in the Care Continuum: Opportunities to Improve Substance Use Disorder Care in the Federal Health Programs.” Testimony was heard from Brendan Saloner, Ph.D., Bloomberg professor of American health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; Malcolm Horn, Ph.D., LCSW, MAC, SAP, chief behavioral health officer, Rimrock Foundation, Billings, MT; Sarah Bagley, M.D., M.Sc., associate professor of medicine and pediatrics, and associate program director, Grayken Fellow in Addiction Medicine, Boston Medical Center and Boston University Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine, Boston, MA; and Paul J. Christine, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Denver Health, Aurora, CO.

SOCIAL SECURITY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 118th Congress, the Senate Committee on Finance activities with respect to the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI), the Disability Insurance (DI), and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs focused on oversight of the Social Security Administration's operations, improper payments, and examining the challenges DI and SSI beneficiaries face when working or attempting to work. The committee held a hearing about the President's Fiscal Year 2025 budget request for the Social Security Administration and a hearing to find new opportunities to simplify and modernize the agency's disability programs to support beneficiaries' efforts to return to work. The Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy Subcommittee also held a field hearing to examine the impact of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset provisions on workers in Ohio.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2024

March 20, 2024—"The President's Fiscal Year 2025 Social Security Administration Budget." Testimony was heard from Hon. Martin O'Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD.

June 18, 2024—"Work and Social Security Disability Benefits: Addressing Challenges and Creating Opportunities." Testimony was heard from William R. Morton, Analyst in Income Security, Congressional Research Service, Washington, DC; Susan B. Wilschke, Associate Commissioner, Office of Research, Demonstration, and Employment Support, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD; Erin M. Godtland, Assistant Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; and Katherine Zuleger, Manager, Wausau, WI Social Security Administration (SSA) field office, president, Chicago Social Security Management Association, and executive committee member, National Council of Social Security Management Associations (NCSSMA), Wausau, WI.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, AND FAMILY POLICY

2024

June 7, 2024—"Keeping the Promise of Social Security for Ohio's First Responders and Public Servants." Testimony was heard from Brian Steel, president, Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9, Columbus, OH; George Sakellakis, director of or-

ganization, Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Medina, OH; Jamie Patton, Sheriff, Union County, and director-at-large, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Columbus, OH; Carl Jordan, pension and disability representative, Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, Massilon, OH; Barb Ward, special needs bus driver, and member, Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4), Fairland Local Schools, Proctorville, OH; Diane Gibson, retired teacher, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Cincinnati, OH; and Cheryl Williams, school secretary, Bailey Elementary School, Dublin, OH.

HUMAN SERVICES

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2023

October 25, 2023—“Exploring Paid Leave: Policy, Practice, and Impact on the Workforce.” Testimony was heard from Jocelyn Frye, president, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington, DC; Ben Verhoeven, president, Peoria Gardens, Inc., Albany, OR; Elizabeth Milito, executive director, Small Business Legal Center, National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, DC; and Rachel U. Greszler, senior research fellow, Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC.

2024

May 22, 2024—“The Family First Prevention Services Act: Successes, Roadblocks, and Opportunities for Improvement.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Rebecca Jones Gaston, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC; David Reed, MSW, LCSW, CSAYC, Deputy Director, Child Welfare Services, Indiana Department of Child Services, Indianapolis, IN; JooYeun Chang, program director for child well-being, Doris Duke Foundation, New York, NY; and Laurie Tapozada, kinship caregiver, peer mentor, and kinship navigator professional, Cranston, RI.

July 9, 2024—“Examining the State of Child Care: How Federal Policy Solutions Can Support Families, Close Existing Gaps, and Strengthen Economic Growth.” Testimony was heard from Fatima Goss Graves, president and CEO, National Women’s Law Center, Washington, DC; Megan Pratt, Ph.D., assistant professor of practice, College of Health, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; Katharine B. Stevens, Ph.D., founder and president, Center on Child and Family Policy, Washington, DC; and Ryan Page, Director of Child Care, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Des Moines, IA.

OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 118th Congress, Senate Finance Committee chairman Wyden conducted a number of oversight investigations into areas within the committee's jurisdiction. On tax matters, Chairman Wyden conducted a series of inquiries examining the methods by which the ultra-wealthy shielded their income from taxation in the United States. These efforts included the release of a report summarizing a two-year investigation into Swiss bank Credit Suisse, which found the bank to be complicit in ongoing tax evasion by Americans. These efforts also included the release of a report exposing private placement life insurance policies as a tax shelter for the ultra-wealthy.

The chairman conducted a series of inquiries examining how major multinational companies, particularly pharmaceutical companies, benefited from tax cuts in the 2017 Republican tax bill. Chairman Wyden's investigative staff periodically released findings from those efforts.

The chairman also led and conducted a series of efforts, with the assistance of Senator Grassley and the committee, to examine the safety and efficacy of the United States' organ transplant system. These efforts resulted in the passage of the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act, which will improve the organ donation system by breaking up the contract for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) and encouraging participation from competent and transparent contractors.

The chairman investigated links between automobile manufacturer supply chains and forced labor in Xinjiang, China. The investigation resulted in the release of a report which found that certain automakers shipped to the United States cars and parts made by a Chinese company banned for forced labor, and that auto companies are failing to police their supply chains for Chinese components made with forced labor.

The chairman investigated allegations of abuse and neglect in youth residential treatment facilities operated by four major companies. The chairman's investigative staff released a report and the committee held a hearing on the results of the investigation, which found that children in these facilities are regularly subjected to physical, sexual, and verbal abuse; inappropriate restraints and seclusions; unsafe and unsanitary conditions; and lack of necessary behavioral health care.

The chairman also investigated eight hospitals in States with abortion bans for more information following news reports that the hospitals delayed and denied women emergency reproductive health care in potential violation of the Emergency Medical Treat-

ment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). Chairman Wyden’s investigative staff released a committee report on the findings of the investigation, which concluded that, faced with the challenges presented by State abortion bans, most of the hospitals surveyed have not provided physicians with clear and comprehensive guidance on protocols for providing the emergency reproductive health care that is guaranteed under EMTALA.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2023

June 22, 2023—“Cattle Supply Chains and Deforestation of the Amazon.” Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, global chief sustainability officer, JBS, Greeley, CO; Rick Jacobsen, manager, commodities policy, Environmental Investigation Agency U.S., Washington, DC; Ryan C. Berg, Ph.D., director, Americas Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC; and Leo McDonnell, owner-operator, McDonnell Angus, Columbus, MT, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen’s Association, Washington, DC.

2024

June 12, 2024—“Youth Residential Treatment Facilities: Examining Failures and Evaluating Solutions.” Testimony was heard from Reagan Stanford, J.D., abuse and neglect managing attorney, Disability Rights Arkansas, Little Rock, AR; Elizabeth Manley, faculty and senior advisor for health and behavioral health policy, Innovations Institute, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT; and Kathryn A. Larin, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC. Invited to testify: Marc Miller, president and chief executive officer, Universal Health Services, King of Prussia, PA.

FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER MEETINGS

July 11, 2023—Joint member meeting with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on “Improving the U.S. Organ Transplant System,” with Jonathan Blum, Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Carole Johnson, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; Jean Moody Williams, Deputy Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Suma Nair, Associate Administrator, Health Systems Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Nominations

Halie L. Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 2026, vice Randolph J. Stayin, resigned.

November 21, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

December 18, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

James Bernard Coughlan, of Illinois, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2030, vice Rhonda K. Schmidlein, term expired.

November 21, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

December 18, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

David Samuel Johnson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, vice J. Russell George, deceased.

July 23, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred sequentially to the Committee on Finance; when reported by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days.

November 14, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

December 5, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

December 5, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

December 5, 2024: Referred sequentially to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Deva A. Kyle, of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of 5 years, vice Gordon Hartogensis, term expired.

July 11, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred jointly to the Committees on Finance and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions pursuant to section 411(c) of Pub. L. 109–280.

November 14, 2024: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

William Patrick J. Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2029, vice F. Scott Kieff, term expired.

July 11, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Benjamin A. Guider III, of Louisiana, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Richard T. Morrison, term expired.

May 9, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

July 10, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

July 25, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 25, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

July 25, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 715. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 25, 2024: Considered by Senate.

September 25, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Cathy Fung, of California, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Joseph H. Gale, retired.

May 9, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

July 10, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

July 25, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 25, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

July 25, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 714. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 25, 2024: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

September 25, 2024: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

September 25, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

November 13, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote November 13, 2024.

November 13, 2024: Considered by Senate.

November 13, 2024: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 58–37. Record vote number: 260.

November 13, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote November 14, 2024.

November 14, 2024: Considered by Senate.

November 14, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 59–37. Record vote number: 261. (S05310)

Jeffrey Samuel Arbeit, of the District of Columbia, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Michael B. Thornton, resigned.

May 9, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

July 10, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

July 25, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 25, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

July 25, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 713. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 25, 2024: Considered by Senate.

September 25, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice David Gustafson, term expired.

February 1, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 4, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 13, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 13, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 13, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 702. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 11, 2024: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

July 11, 2024: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

July 11, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

July 23, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, vote July 24, 2024.

July 23, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, vote to be determined.

July 24, 2024: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 85–12. Record vote number: 216.

July 24, 2024: Considered by Senate.

July 25, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, vote July 29, 2024.

July 29, 2024: Considered by Senate.

July 29, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 73–13. Record vote number: 220.

Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Mark Van Dyke Holmes, term expired.

February 1, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 4, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 13, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 13, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 13, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 701. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 11, 2024: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

July 11, 2024: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

July 11, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

July 11, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, debate July 23, 2024.

July 23, 2024: Considered by Senate.

July 23, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote July 24, 2024.

July 24, 2024: Considered by Senate.

July 24, 2024: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 78–16. Record vote number: 215.

July 24, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, vote July 25, 2024.

July 25, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 79–16. Record vote number: 218.

Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Elizabeth Crewson Paris, term expired.

February 1, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 4, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 13, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 13, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 13, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 700. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 17, 2024: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

September 17, 2024: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

September 17, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

September 19, 2024: Considered by Senate.

September 19, 2024: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 76–15. Record vote number: 248.

September 19, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, debate September 23, 2024.

September 23, 2024: Considered by Senate.

September 23, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 69–17. Record vote number: 249.

Nelson W. Cunningham, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Jayme Ray White.

January 11, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

May 23, 2024: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

James R. Ives, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, vice Eric M. Thorson.

January 11, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred sequentially to the Committee on Finance; when reported by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days.

June 4, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 13, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 13, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 13, 2024: Referred sequentially to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009.

July 23, 2024: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009.

July 23, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 712. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, vice Michael J. Desmond.

January 8, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 31, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

January 31, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

January 31, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 514. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

February 26, 2024: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

February 26, 2024: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

February 26, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

February 28, 2024: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 52–42. Record vote number: 59.

February 28, 2024: Considered by Senate.

February 28, 2024: By unanimous consent agreement, debate February 29, 2024.

February 29, 2024: Considered by Senate.

February 29, 2024: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 56–41. Record vote number: 60.

Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Richard G. Frank.
January 8, 2024: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 31, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

January 31, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

January 31, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 513. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Jonathan Davidson.

November 13, 2023: Received in the Senate.

November 13, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 11, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

January 31, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

March 6, 2024: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 6, 2024: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 6, 2024: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 537. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Martin O’Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the remainder of the term expiring January 19, 2025, vice Andrew M. Saul.

July 26, 2023: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 28, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 28, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 415. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 7, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote to be determined.

December 14, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote December 18, 2023.

December 18, 2023: Considered by Senate.

December 18, 2023: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 50–11. Record vote number: 347.

Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, vice Michael J. Desmond.

June 6, 2023: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 399. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2024: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Richard G. Frank.

January 23, 2023: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 63. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2024: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Ramin Toloui.

January 23, 2023: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 62. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 9, 2023: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

March 9, 2023: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

March 9, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum call required under Rule XXII waived.

March 9, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, debate March 14, 2023.

March 14, 2023: Considered by Senate.

March 14, 2023: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 52–40. Record vote number: 53.

March 14, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 15, 2023.

March 15, 2023: Considered by Senate.

March 15, 2023: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–40. Record vote number: 54.

Kathryn Rose Lang, of Maryland, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2026, vice Henry J. Aaron, term expired.

January 23, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 23, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 11, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

January 31, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2030 (reappointment).

January 23, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 23, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 11, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

January 31, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2027, vice Charles P. Rettig, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

- February 15, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. S. Hrg. 118–398.
- March 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- March 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- March 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 61. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- March 6, 2023: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- March 6, 2023: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- March 6, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- March 7, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, vote March 8, 2023.
- March 8, 2023: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 51–44. Record vote number: 48.
- March 8, 2023: Considered by Senate.
- March 8, 2023: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 9, 2023.
- March 9, 2023: Considered by Senate.
- March 9, 2023: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–42. Record vote number: 50.
- Patricia Hart Neuman**, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Robert D. Reischauer, term expired.
- January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.
- January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.
- September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- October 18, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.
- November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 398. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Patricia Hart Neuman**, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Robert D. Reischauer, term expired.
- January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

October 18, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 397. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Robert D. Reischauer, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

October 18, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 396. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2028, vice Alan L. Cohen, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 11, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

January 31, 2024: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024, vice Lanhee J. Chen, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 11, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Charles P. Blahous III, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

October 18, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 395. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Charles P. Blahous III, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

October 18, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 394. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Charles P. Blahous III, term expired.

January 3, 2023: Received in the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

September 28, 2023: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

October 18, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

November 2, 2023: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 2, 2023: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 2, 2023: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 393. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2025: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE**

There were 828 Senate bills and 24 House bills referred to the committee for consideration during the 118th Congress. In addition, 16 Senate and House resolutions (joint, concurrent, or simple resolutions) were referred to the committee.

REPORTS, PRINTS, AND STUDIES

During the 118th Congress, the committee and supporting joint committees prepared and issued 5 reports, special prints, and studies on the following topics:

Title	Document no.	To accompany
The Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act.	118–122	S. 2973
The Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act.	118–121	S. 3430
United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act.	118–107	S. 3084
Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 117th Congress.	118–4	
Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Finance ...	118–2	

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

During the 118th Congress, a total of 392 official communications were submitted to the committee. Of these, 371 were Executive Communications—these communications include reports to advise and inform the Congress, required annual or semi-annual agency budget and activities summaries, and requests for legislative action. The committee also received 21 Petitions and Memorials.

