

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7011–S7042*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5195–5210, and S. Res. 862–863. **Page S7034**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2541, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O’odham Nation as special agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–235)

S. 4611, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–236)

H.R. 7240, to reauthorize the READ Act.

S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as “World Hunger Day”, that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin’s illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine’s agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger on World

Hunger Day, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2333, to amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment of athletes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2427, to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report examining the feasibility of funding the Universal Service Fund through contributions supplied by edge providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3014, to establish the Next Generation Telecommunications Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3053, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a plan and national guidance document to improve precipitation estimates, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3196, to enhance the policies, procedures, and training for midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3290, to establish a National Manufacturing Extension Partnership Supply Chain Database, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and

nuclear exports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7030**

#### Measures Passed:

**Anti-Money Laundering Whistleblower Improvement Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3316, to provide for certain whistleblower incentives and protections, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7037–38**

Hassan (for Grassley) Amendment No. 6507, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7037–38**

**Clear and Concise Content Act of 2022:** Senate passed S. 4577, to improve plain writing and public experience, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S7038–40**

**National Warrior Call Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 754, designating November 13, 2022, as “National Warrior Call Day” in recognition of the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7040–41**

Hassan (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 6508, to amend the preamble. **Pages S7040–41**

**Black Legislative Staff Caucus 45th Anniversary:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 851, celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Senate Black

Legislative Staff Caucus and its achievements in the Senate, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Lung Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 863, designating November 2022 as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month” and expressing support for early detection and treatment of lung cancer. **Page S7037**

#### House Messages:

**FIRE Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3092, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to improve the provision of certain disaster assistance. **Page S7038**

**Hopkins Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Pages S7011–17, S7018–22**

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

By 60 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 382), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7022**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2022; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, at 1:45 p.m. **Page S7041**

**Shambaugh Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury; that there be ten minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination without intervening action or debate. **Page S7025**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 378), Mia Roberts Perez, of Pennsylvania, to be United States

District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7017**

By 50 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 380), Kai N. Scott, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 379), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 381), John Frank Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**Pages S7019–20**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 383), Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7027–28**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7037**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—383) **Pages S7017–20, S7022**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7041.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware,

and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, with amendments;

S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, with amendments;

S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, with an amendment;

S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, with an amendment;

S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as “World Hunger Day”, that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin’s illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine’s agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger on World Hunger Day, with amendments;

H.R. 7240, to reauthorize the READ Act; and

The nominations of Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, and Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Amba-

sador to the Republic of Cyprus, Henry V. Jardine, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to Romania, George P. Kent, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Kristina A. Kvien, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Manuel P. Micaller, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Christopher T. Robinson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Bijan Sabet, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Carol Spahn, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 9448–9461; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120; and H. Res. 1511, were introduced.

**Pages H8823–24**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1884, to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKean National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–592);

H.R. 3600, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–593);

H.R. 4648, to modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–594);

H.R. 5444, to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–595, Part 1);

H.R. 5715, to reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–596, Part 1);

H.R. 6063, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–597);

H.R. 6181, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–598);

H.R. 6707, to amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 to advance equality for Wabanaki nations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–599);

H.R. 6438, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site known as “Dearfield” in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 117–600);

H.R. 6442, to amend section 101703 of title 54, United States Code, to include Tribal Governments and quasi-governmental entities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–601);

H.R. 6654, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Climate Adaptation Science Center and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers to respond to the effects of extreme weather events and climate trends, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–602);

H.R. 6799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 117–603);

H.R. 7075, to designate Ukrainian Independence Park in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–604);

H.R. 7496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install a plaque at the peak of Ram Head in the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Islands, to commemorate the slave rebellion that began on St. John in 1733 (H. Rept. 117–605);

S. 789, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians (H. Rept. 117–606);

H.R. 604, to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–607, Part 1); and

H. Res. 1510, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–608). **Pages H8822–23**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jones to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8803**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:34 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m. **Page H8807**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2607 was held at the desk. S. 2773 was held at the desk. S. 3198 was held at the desk. S. 3903 was held at the desk. S. 5016 was held at the desk. **Pages H8803–04**

**Respect for Marriage Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1510, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 204 nays,

Roll No. 512, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H8807–11**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H8803–04.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H8811.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AN ENDURING LEGACY: THE ROLE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE HORRORS OF SLAVERY AND THE NEED FOR ATONEMENT, PART II

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “An Enduring Legacy: The Role of Financial Institutions in the Horrors of Slavery and the Need for Atonement, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN THE MEKONG REGION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Understanding and Addressing Challenges in the Mekong Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H. Res. 1456, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conclusion of the Department of State on whether Marc Fogel is wrongfully detained; H. Res. 1482, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021 to November 15, 2022; H.R. 9374, the “Countering Malign Russian Activities Globally Act”; H.R. 9243, the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 8654, the “End Tuberculosis Now Act”; and H. Con. Res. 110, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses. H. Res. 1456, H. Res. 1482, and H.R. 9243 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 9374, H.R.

8654, and H. Con. Res. 110 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8361, the “Preventing Suicide Through Voluntary Firearm Purchase Delay Act”; H.R. 4130, the “American Music Fairness Act”; H. Res. 1477, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information in the possession of the Attorney General regarding NICS Indices Self-Submission Forms; and H. Res. 1478, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information regarding the decision of the President of the United States to institute the “Ghost Gun” Rule. H.R. 8361, H. Res. 1477, H. Res. 1478, and H.R. 4130 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### SENATE AMENDMENT TO WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2022; SENATE AMENDMENT TO RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT; EAGLE ACT OF 2022; VETERAN SERVICE RECOGNITION ACT OF 2022

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee continued a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7776, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2022” [James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023]; the Senate Amendment to H.R. 8404, the “Respect for Marriage Act”; H.R. 3648, the “EAGLE Act of 2022”; and H.R. 7946, the “Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 8404, the “Respect for Marriage Act”. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 8404. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith of Washington, and Representative Rogers of Alabama.

#### U.S. COAST GUARD’S LEADERSHIP ON ARCTIC SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “U.S. Coast Guard’s Leadership on Arctic Safety, Security, and Environ-

mental Responsibility”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Peter W. Gautier, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### FULFILLING OUR PACT: ENSURING EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOXIC EXPOSURE LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fulfilling our Pact: Ensuring Effective Implementation of Toxic Exposure Legislation”. Testimony was heard from Shereef Elnahal, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans’ Affairs; and Joshua Jacobs, Senior Advisor for Policy, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1466, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the investigation by the intelligence community into the origins of the COVID–19 virus; and H. Res. 1467, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the use of authorities, personnel, and capabilities of the intelligence community to conduct domestic activities unrelated to foreign intelligence. H. Res. 1466 and H. Res. 1467 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth:* Full Committee held a business meeting on the Select Committee’s final report entitled *Bridging the Divide: Building an Economy that Works for All*. The report was approved.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### CIVIL SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Civil Society Campaign to improve the lethality and survivability of the Ukrainian military, after receiving testimony from Dora Chomiak, Razom for Ukraine; Taras Chmut, Come Back Alive; Serhiy Prytula, Prytula Charity Foundation; and Jonas Ohman, Blue/Yellow for Ukraine.



## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1187)

H.R. 7132, to preserve safe access to communications services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes. Signed on December 7, 2022. (Public Law 117–223)

S. 4524, to limit the judicial enforceability of predispute nondisclosure and nondisparagement contract clauses relating to disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment. Signed on December 7, 2022. (Public Law 117–224)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 8, 2022**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider S. 2774, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address patent ownership, and the nominations of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Myong J. Joun, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Henry C. Leventis, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Michael D. Black, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, and Catrina A. Thompson, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH–216.

**House**

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “E, S, G and W: Examining Private Sector Disclosure of Workforce Management, Investment, and Diversity Data”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Undue Influence: ‘Operation Higher Court’ and Politicking at SCOTUS”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3681, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2021”; H.R. 5522, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2021”; H.R. 6032, the “Katimiñn and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act”; H.R. 6427, the “Red River National Wildlife Refuge Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 6611, to authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes; H.R. 6720, to authorize the Thomas Paine Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 6964, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation; H.R. 7615, the “LODGE Act”; H.R. 7918, the “Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act of 2022”; H.R. 7952, the “Valley Forge Park Realignment Permit and Promise Act”; H.R. 8115, the “Recreation and Public Purposes Tribal Parity Act”; and S. 314, the “Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

**Joint Meetings**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to receive a briefing on demining Ukraine, 11 a.m., WEBEX.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Russia’s infrastructure terrorists, 3:30 p.m., WEBEX.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Thursday, December 8

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, December 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m., followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 8404—Respect for Marriage Act.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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