

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7043–S7087*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5211–5230, S. Res. 864–868, and S. Con. Res. 50. **Pages S7070–71**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 4399, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government. **Page S7070**

#### Measures Passed:

**Removal of the Taney Bust:** Senate passed S. 5229, to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall for installation in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds. **Pages S7079–80**

**Billy's Law:** Senate passed S. 5230, to increase accessibility to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Pages S7080–81**

**Equal Pay for Team USA Act:** Senate passed S. 2333, to amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment of athletes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7081–82**

**Celebrating the Heritage of Romani Americans:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, celebrating the heritage of Romani Americans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to the preamble. **Pages S7082–83**

**Dr. Joanne Smith Memorial Rehabilitation Innovation Centers Act of 2022:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2834, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7083**

Cardin (for Durbin/Cassidy) Amendment No. 6509, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7083**

**Congressional Gold Medal:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 310, to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7083**

**National Co-Op Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 866, expressing support for the designation of October 2022 as “National Co-Op Month” and commending the cooperative business model and the member-owners, businesses, employees, farmers, ranchers, and practitioners who use the cooperative business model to positively impact the economy and society. **Pages S7083–84**

**Death of Alan R. Parker:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 867, relating to the death of the Alan R. Parker, former Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate. **Page S7084**

**Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 868, expressing support for the designation of September 2022 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease. **Page S7084**

**Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7535, to encourage the migration of Federal Government information technology systems to quantum-resistant cryptography, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7084–85**

Cardin (for Hassan) Amendment No. 6510, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7084–85**

**North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 4216, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7085–87**

Cardin (for Rubio) Amendment No. 6511, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7085–87**

**Montgomery-Reeves Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

**Pages S7047, S7047–52**

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 385), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7047**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, December 12, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture; and that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

**Page S7085**

**Douglas Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S7052–63**

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

By 63 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 386), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture debate time on the nomination be considered expired, and the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S7063**

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

By 64 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 384), Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

**Pages S7043–47**

Shailen P. Bhatt, of Michigan, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

14 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and Foreign Service. **Pages S7063–64**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7067**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S7072–75**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S7067**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7075–79**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—386) **Pages S7047, S7052**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:41 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7085.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Committee ordered favorably reported 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, 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.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 9462–9484; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 101; H. Con. Res. 121–123; and H. Res. 1512–1515, were introduced. **Pages H8872–74**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8874–75**

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

H.R. 7242, to require the President to develop and maintain products that show the risk of natural hazards across the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–609);

H.R. 7636, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most lifecycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–610);

H.R. 7789, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a working group relating to best practices and Federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–611);

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, adversely (H. Rept. 117–612); and

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, adversely (H. Rept. 117–613). **Page H8872**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Torres to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8825**

**Respect for Marriage Act:** The House agreed to concur in 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 ye-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 169 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 513. Representative Cicilline moved to table the Perlmutter motion to reconsider the vote by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 514, and the Cicilline motion was agreed to. Subsequently, the bill was passed. **Pages H8827–38, H8838–39**

H. Res. 1510, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 8404) was agreed to yesterday, December 7th.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Roy motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 129 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 515. **Page H8839**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 7776, with an amendment: H. Res. 1512, providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 7776, with an amendment, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 350 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 516. **Pages H8840–53**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, December 5th.

**Disaster Assistance for Rural Communities Act:** S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 517. **Pages H8853–54**

**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 7776:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 121, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 7776. **Page H8854**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3316 was held at the desk. S. 4577 was held at the desk. **Page H8853**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8853.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8837–38, H8838–39, H8839, H8853, and H8854.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### E, S, G AND W: EXAMINING PRIVATE SECTOR DISCLOSURE OF WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, AND DIVERSITY DATA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “E, S, G and W: Examining Private Sector Disclosure of Workforce Management, Investment, and Diversity Data”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### UNDUE INFLUENCE: ‘OPERATION HIGHER COURT’ AND POLITICKING AT SCOTUS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Undue Influence: ‘Operation Higher Court’ and Politicking at SCOTUS”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a 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 “Katimiîn and Aamekyáaraam 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”. H.R. 6032, H.R. 6427, H.R. 6611, H.R. 7615, H.R. 7918, and H.R. 7952 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3681, H.R. 5522, H.R. 6720, H.R. 6964, H.R. 7952, H.R. 8115, and S. 314 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## Joint Meetings

### DEMINEING UKRAINE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission received a briefing on demining Ukraine from Michael Tirre, Program Manager for Europe, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, Department of State; Todd Biggs, Tetra Tech; and Tony Connell, Swiss Foundation for De-mining.

### RUSSIA’S INFRASTRUCTURE TERRORISTS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission received a briefing on Russia’s infrastructure terrorists from Oleksandra Azarkhina, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member and Chairperson, Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson, and Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be a Member, all of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Kimberly Ann McClain, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 5:30 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
3 p.m., Monday, December 12

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
12 noon, Monday, December 12

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of the nomination of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

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House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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