

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 198–224, S.J. Res. 6, S. Res. 21–24, and S. Con. Res. 3.

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Measures Passed:

National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 4), Senate agreed to S. Res. 21, supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on February 1, 2023, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery.

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Controlled Substances Act: Senate passed S. 223, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions.

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National School Choice Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 11, designating the week of January 22 through January 28, 2023, as “National School Choice Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Congratulating the South Dakota State University Jackrabbits: Senate agreed to S. Res. 22, congratulating the South Dakota State University Jackrabbits on winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title.

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Falk Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 2, 2023, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph Lee Falk, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute

of Peace, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—4)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S212.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2023 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on trade and horticulture, after receiving testimony from Alexis Taylor, Under Secretary of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, and Jennifer Lester Moffitt, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 694–737; 3 private bills, H.R. 738–740; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 12; and H. Res. 84–91 were introduced. **Pages H625–29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H630–31**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 83, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9) denouncing the horrors of socialism, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 76) removing a certain Member from a certain standing committee of the House (H. Rept. 118–2). **Page H625**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H581**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H587**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 84, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H590**

Order of Business—Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government: Agreed by unanimous consent that, notwithstanding section 1(a)(2)(A) of House Resolution 12 (as amended by section 1(c) of House Resolution 78), the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government be composed of the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary, together with not more than 19 other Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, of whom not more than 8 shall be appointed in consultation with the minority leader. **Page H590**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. **Page H598**

Denouncing the horrors of socialism and Removing a certain Member from a certain standing committee of the House—Rule for consider-

ation: The House agreed to H. Res. 83, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9) denouncing the horrors of socialism, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 76) removing a certain Member from a certain standing committee of the House, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 102, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 101. **Pages H590–99**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:44 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m. **Page H611**

Stopping Home Office Work's Unproductive Problems Act of 2023: The House passed H.R. 139, to require Executive agencies to submit to Congress a study of the impacts of expanded telework and remote work by agency employees during the COVID–19 pandemic and a plan for the agency's future use of telework and remote work, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 103. **Pages H599–H607, H611–12**

H. Res. 75, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 7) and the bills (H.R. 139), (H.R. 382), and (H.R. 497) was agreed to yesterday, January 31st.

Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020: The House passed H.J. Res. 7, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020, by yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 104. **Pages H607–11, H612–13**

H. Res. 75, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 7) and the bills (H.R. 139), (H.R. 382), and (H.R. 497) was agreed to yesterday, January 31st.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 87, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H613**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, February 2nd. **Page H613**

Order of Business—Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government: Agreed by unanimous consent that, notwithstanding section 1(a)(2)(A) of House Resolution 12 (as amended by section 1 (c) of House Resolution 78), and the order of the House of today, the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government be composed of not more than 21 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, of whom not more than 9 shall be appointed in consultation with the minority leader.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Turner, Chair; Representatives Wenstrup, Stewart, Crawford, Stefanik, Kelly (MS), LaHood, Fitzpatrick, Gallagher, Austin Scott (GA), Hill, Crenshaw, Waltz, Robert Garcia (CA), Himes, Carson, Castro (TX), Krishnamoorthi, Crow, Bera, Plaskett, Gottheimer, Gomez, Houlahan, and Spanberger.

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Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Representative Gallagher, Chair; Representatives Wittman, Luetkemeyer, Barr, Newhouse, Moolenaar, LaHood, Dunn of (FL), Banks, Johnson (SD), Steel, Hinson, Gimenez, Krishnamoorthi, Castor (FL), Carson, Moulton, Khanna, Kim (NJ), Sherrill, Stevens, Auchincloss, Torres (NY), and Brown.

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Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic: Representative Wenstrup, Chair; Representatives Malliotakis, Miller-Meeks, Lesko, Cloud, Joyce (PA), Greene (GA), Jackson (TX), McCormick, Ruiz, Dingell, Mfume, Ross and Robert Garcia (CA).

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Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government: Representative Jordan, Chair; Representatives Issa, Massie, Stewart, Stefanik, Johnson (LA), Gaetz, Armstrong, Steube, Bishop (NC), Cammack, Hageman, Plaskett, Lynch, Sanchez,

Wasserman Schultz, Connolly, Garamendi, Allred, Garcia (TX) and Goldman (NY).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H598–99, H611–12, and H612–13.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LIVES WORTH LIVING: ADDRESSING THE FENTANYL CRISIS, PROTECTING CRITICAL LIFELINES, AND COMBATTING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Lives Worth Living: Addressing the Fentanyl Crisis, Protecting Critical Lifelines, and Combatting Discrimination Against Those with Disabilities”. Testimony was heard from Kemp Chester, Senior Advisor, International Relations and Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Neerja Gandotra, Chief Medical Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jon C. DeLena, Associate Administrator, Business Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DANGER ZONE: HOW AMERICA COMPETES TO WIN THE FUTURE VERSUS CHINA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Economic Danger Zone: How America Competes to Win the Future Versus China”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO INVESTIGATING THE ORIGINS OF PANDEMICS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL EVENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities to Investigating the Origins of Pandemics and Other Biological Events”. Testimony was heard from Karen L. Howard, Acting Chief Scientist, Director of Science and Technology Assessment Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted

its rules for the 118th Congress. Subcommittee names and the Committee Authorization and Oversight Plan were approved.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. The subcommittee roster was approved.

THE BIDEN BORDER CRISIS: PART I

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Biden Border Crisis: Part I”. Testimony was heard from Mark Dannels, Sheriff, Cochise County, Arizona; Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge, El Paso County, Texas; and a public witness.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress, as amended. The Staff Resolution was agreed to.

FEDERAL PANDEMIC SPENDING: A PRESCRIPTION FOR WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE; BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Pandemic Spending: A Prescription for Waste, Fraud and Abuse”; and a business meeting on a resolution naming subcommittee chairs and ranking members for the 118th Congress. Testimony was heard from David Smith, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office. Subcommittee chairs and ranking members were approved.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; THE STATE OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held an organizational meeting; and a hearing entitled “The State of Transportation Infrastructure and Supply Chain Challenges”. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. Subcommittee Chairs, ranking members, and subcommittee assignments were approved. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Energy’s implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 79, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, S. 113, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, an original bill entitled, “Stop STALLING Act”, an original bill entitled “Preserve Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act”, an original bill entitled, “Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act”, and the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Bradley N. Garcia, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Daniel J. Calabretta, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Tiffany M. Cartwright, Jamal N. Whitehead, and Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, Natasha C. Merle, and Ramon Ernesto Reyes, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Jessica G. L. Clarke, Dale E. Ho, and Arun Subramanian, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Matthew L. Garcia, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Margaret R. Guzman, Myong J. Joun, and Julia E. Kobick, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Lindsay C. Jenkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Kenly Kiya Kato, and Hernan D. Vera, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Araceli Martinez-Olguin, Rita F. Lin, and P. Casey Pitts, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Adrienne C. Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Ana C. Reyes, and Todd E. Edelman, both to be a United States District Judge for the District

of Columbia, Jamar K. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Gordon P. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jonathan James Canada Grey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Andrew G. Schopler, James Edward Simmons, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Rosemarie Hidalgo, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an

Assistant Attorney General, and Jill E. Steinberg, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Launching Into the State of the Satellite Marketplace”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 2023

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	12	17	..
Time in session	36 hrs., 20'	78 hrs., 38'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	177	579	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	80	..
Public bills enacted into law	29	..	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	11	44	55
Senate bills .....	..	..	..
House bills .....	..	20	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	11	20	..
Measures reported, total	*0	1	1
Senate bills .....	..	..	..
House bills .....	..	..	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	1	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	8	..	..
Measures introduced, total	219	792	1,011
Bills	192	674	..
Joint resolutions	5	25	..
Concurrent resolutions	2	11	..
Simple resolutions	20	82	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	3	41	..
Recorded votes .....	..	58	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through January 31, 2023

Civilian nominees, totaling 198, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2
Unconfirmed	196
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 230, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	230
Air Force nominees, totaling 61, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	61
Army nominees, totaling 241, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	235
Navy nominees, totaling 11, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	11
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,069, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1,069
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	1,810
Total confirmed	2
Total unconfirmed	1,808
Total withdrawn	0
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 0 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 1 report has been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph Lee Falk, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: H. Con. Res. 9—Denouncing the horrors of socialism. Consideration of H. Res. 76—Removing a certain Member from a certain standing committee of the House.

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