

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1149–S1218*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1172–1188, and S. Res. 159–163. **Pages S1210–11**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate During the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–10)

S. 385, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. (S. Rept. No. 118–9)

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#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating University of Connecticut men’s basketball team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, commending and congratulating the University of Connecticut men’s basketball team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men’s Basketball Championship. **Page S1161**

*National Park Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, designating the week of April 22 through April 30, 2023, as “National Park Week”. **Page S1161**

*National Osteopathic Medicine Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, designating the week of April 17 through April 23, 2023, as “National Osteopathic Medicine Week”. **Page S1161**

#### Measures Considered:

**Fire Grants and Safety Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 870, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1154–61**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 58, to add an effective date. **Page S1154**

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 87), Lee Amendment No. 80, to make categorical exclusion available for use on certain land by States and Indian Tribes through a project delivery program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1157–59**

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

The motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S1154**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the only amendments in order to the bill be the following: Scott (FL) Amendment No. 81, Hagerty Modified Amendment No. 72, Van Hollen Amendment No. 85, Sullivan Amendment No. 83, and Paul Amendment No. 79; that if offered, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments listed at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader; that following disposition of the above amendments, Schumer Amendment No. 58 (listed above) be withdrawn, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that 60-affirmative votes be required for adoption of these amendments and on passage of the bill, with the exception of Sullivan Amendment No. 83 and Paul Amendment No. 79; and that there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote, all without intervening action or debate. **Page S1154**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 19, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 79, and Hagerty Modified Amendment No. 72, as provided under the previous order; that following disposition of Hagerty Modified Amendment No. 72; Senator Tuberville, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res 10, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to “Reproductive Health Services”; that the time until 4:15

p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees, and with the final 15 minutes equally divided in the same form; and that Senate recess from 3 p.m., to 4 p.m., to allow for the all-Senators briefing, with the time counting equally to both sides.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 10371 of April 21, 2022, with respect to the Russian Federation and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–8)

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

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 84), Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 86), Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—87)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1217.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE AND SPACE FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Air Force and Space Force, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Secretary, and General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, and General B. Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NASA AND NSF

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bill Nelson, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General David H. Berger, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2024 and Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, General James E. Rainey, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Futures Command, Major General Michelle A. Schmidt, USA, Director, Force Development, G–8, United States Army, all of the Department of Defense.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2024 and Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jill M. Hruby, Administrator, Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, and Marvin L. Adams, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and William White, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy; and General Thomas A. Bussiere, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, and Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., USN, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs, both of the Department of Defense.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jared Bernstein, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Ron Borzekowski, of Maryland, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, and Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, and David Uejio, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## TAX DODGING BY THE WEALTHY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax dodging by the wealthy and big corporations, after receiving testimony from Kimberly A. Clausing, University of California, Los Angeles; Danny Yagan, University of California, Berkeley; and William McBride, Tax Foundation, Washington, D.C.

## USFS BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Randy Moore, Chief, and Mark Lichtenstein, Director of Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

## CLEANER VEHICLES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine cleaner vehicles, focusing on consumers and public health, after re-

ceiving testimony from Christopher Harto, Consumer Reports, and Kathy Harris, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew Boyle, Boyle Transportation, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations.

## UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on Ukraine from Dereck Hogan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Jessica Lewis, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, and Regina Faranda, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State; and Laura Cooper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia.

## DHS BUDGET

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on resources and authorities requested to protect and secure the homeland, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeremy C. Daniel, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Brendan Abell Hurson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Van Hollen, and Darrel James Papillion, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senators Cassidy and Kennedy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## FOREIGN COMPETITIVE THREATS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine foreign competitive threats to American innovation and economic leadership, after receiving testimony from Mark A. Cohen, University of California Berkeley Law School, Berkeley; Patrick Kilbride, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Matt Turpin, Palantir Technologies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Suzanne Harrison, Percipience LLC, San Francisco, California.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee received a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from members of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 36 public bills, H.R. 2663–2698; 1 private bill, H.R. 2699; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55–58; and H. Res. 303–305 were introduced. **Pages H1844–46**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1848**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1763**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1769**

**Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023 and Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 298, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 734) to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 186, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 185. **Pages H1772–82**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H1788**

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'" Presidential Veto:** The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'", by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 187 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

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Subsequently, the veto message (H. Doc. 118–26) and the joint resolution were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Schweikert, Arrington, Estes, Ferguson, Smucker, Malliotakis, Beyer, Trone, Moore (WI) and Porter.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Proclamation 10371 relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports is to continue in effect beyond April 21, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–28).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1780–81, H1781–82, and H1788–89.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **A REVIEW OF USDA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE EFFORTS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing entitled "A Review of USDA Animal Disease Prevention and Response Efforts". Testimony was heard from Jenny Lester Moffitt, Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Testimony was heard from Steven Dettelbach, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. Testimony was heard from Tae Johnson, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Miguel Cardona, Secretary, Department of Education; and Larry Kean, Budget Director, Department of Education.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Marcia Fudge, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Navy and Marine Corps Military Construction and Family Housing. Testimony was heard from Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations, and Environment; Vice Admiral Ricky Williamson, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and Lieutenant General Edward D. Banta, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps.

### **U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE INDO—PACIFIC REGION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region”. Testimony was heard from Admiral John C. Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; General Paul J. LaCamera, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea; and Jedidiah P. Royal, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

### **FY24 BUDGET REQUEST FOR MISSILE DEFENSE AND MISSILE DEFEAT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY24 Budget Request for Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Deputy Assistant Secretary John D. Hill, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space and Missile Defense; Vice Admiral Jon Hill, Director, Missile Defense Agency; Lieutenant General Daniel Karbler, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; and Major General David Miller, Director of Operations, U.S. Space Command.

### **AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES RELATED TO THE PRESIDENT’S 2024 BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities Related to the President’s 2024 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Andrew P. Hunter, Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force; and Lieutenant General Richard G. Moore,

Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Department of the Air Force.

#### **SCHOOL CHOICE: EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM FOR ALL**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “School Choice: Expanding Educational Freedom for All”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Davidson, Smith of Nebraska, and Pocan; former Member Luke Messer; and public witnesses.

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2024 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Trade Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Trade Commission officials: Lina M. Khan, Chair; Alvaro Bedoya, Commissioner; and Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, Commissioner.

#### **INSIGHTS FROM THE HHS INSPECTOR GENERAL ON OVERSIGHT OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS, GRANT MANAGEMENT, AND CMS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Insights from the HHS Inspector General on Oversight of Unaccompanied Minors, Grant Management, and CMS”. Testimony was heard from Christi A. Grimm, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY EXPANSION: POWERING A CLEAN AND SECURE FUTURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “American Nuclear Energy Expansion: Powering a Clean and Secure Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission”. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **12 YEARS OF TERROR: ASSAD’S WAR CRIMES AND U.S. POLICY FOR SEEKING ACCOUNTABILITY IN SYRIA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia held a

hearing entitled “12 Years of Terror: Assad’s War Crimes and U.S. Policy for Seeking Accountability in Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SURROUNDING THE OCEAN: PRC INFLUENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific held a hearing entitled “Surrounding the Ocean: PRC Influence in the Indian Ocean”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN AFRICA: THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing entitled “Great Power Competition in Africa: The Chinese Communist Party”. Testimony was heard from Janean Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; Amy Holman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Rick Waters, China Coordinator and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for China and Taiwan, Department of State.

#### **THE HOMELAND SECURITY COST OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S CATASTROPHIC WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “The Homeland Security Cost of the Biden Administration’s Catastrophic Withdrawal from Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD SERIES: HOUSE SERGEANT AT ARMS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE 118TH CONGRESS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Looking Ahead Series: House Sergeant at Arms Strategic Plan for the 118th Congress”. Testimony was heard from William McFarland, Acting Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives.

#### **EXAMINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT AND THE GROWING NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act and the Growing National Park Service Deferred Maintenance Backlog”. Testimony was heard from

Charles Sams III, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”; H.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”; H.J. Res. 49, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”; and H.R. 1213, the “RESCUE Whales Act of 2023”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grijalava and Stauber; Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

### INVESTIGATING THE ORIGINS OF COVID-19, PART 2: CHINA AND THE AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Investigating the Origins of COVID-19, Part 2: China and the Available Intelligence”. Testimony was heard from former Member John Ratcliffe and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF RESETTLEMENT’S UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN PROGRAM

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Resettlement’s Unaccompanied Alien Children Program”. Testimony was heard from Robin Dunn Marcos, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

### SPENDING ON EMPTY: HOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S UNPRECEDENTED SPENDING INCREASED RISK OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Spending on Empty: How the Biden Administration’s Unprecedented Spending Increased Risk of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the Department of Energy”. Testimony was heard from Teri L. Donaldson, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and Kathleen Hogan, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure, Department of Energy.

### ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT NOAA

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Establishing an Independent NOAA”. Testimony was heard from Neil Jacobs, Acting Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE: HOW TAX HIKES CRUSH THE COMPETITIVENESS OF SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Paying Their Fair Share: How Tax Hikes Crush the Competitiveness of Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Pennsylvania, and Representatives Langworthy, Higgins of New York, Hageman, Hern, Johnson of Ohio, Meuser, Landsman, Barragán, Escobar, Sablan, Casar, Garcia of Texas, Crockett, Sherrill, Miller of Illinois, Carter of Georgia, Bergman, Roy, Kilmer, Sherman, Davis of North Carolina, Schrier, Costa, Luna, Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Soto, Goldman, Porter, Crow, Perez, and Fitzpatrick.

### REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE COAST GUARD

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for the Coast Guard”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and Master Chief Heath B. Jones, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 41, the “VA Same-Day Scheduling Act of 2023”; H.R. 562, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 808, the “Veterans Patient Advocacy Act”; H.R. 754, the “Modernizing Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Act”; H.R. 693, the “Veterans Affairs Medical Center Absence and Notification Timeline Act”; H.R. 1089, the “VA Medical Center Transparency Act”; H.R. 366, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; and H.R. 1256, the “Veterans Health Administration Leadership Transformation Act”. H.R. 754, H.R. 693, H.R. 1089, and H.R. 366 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 562, H.R. 808, H.R. 1256, and H.R. 41 were ordered reported, as amended.

**COMBATTING A CRISIS: PROVIDING VETERANS ACCESS TO LIVE-SAVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TREATMENT**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Combatting a Crisis: Providing Veterans Access to Live-saving Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Tamara Campbell, M.D., Executive Director; Julie Kroviak, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General; Sachin Yende, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 645, the “Healthy Foundations for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 728, to Direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term programs for veterans; H.R. 746, the “Streamlining Aviation for Eligible Veterans Act”; H.R. 1169, the “VA E-Notification Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1635, the “Filipino Education Fairness Act”; H.R. 1669, the “VET-TEC Authorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 1767, the “Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act”; H.R. 1786, the “Get Rewarding Outdoor Work for our Veterans Act”; H.R. 1798, the “Protect Military Dependents Act”; and H.R. 1799, the “EMPLOY VETS Act”. H.R. 746, H.R. 1169, H.R. 1635, and H.R. 1786 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 728, H.R. 1767, H.R. 1669, H.R. 1798, H.R. 645, and H.R. 1799 were ordered reported, as amended.

**HEARING ON COUNTERING CHINA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT AGENDA: OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN LEADERSHIP**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Countering China's Trade and Investment Agenda: Opportunities for American Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research, to hold hearings to examine SNAP and other nutrition assistance in the Farm Bill, 12 noon, SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for military construction and family housing, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2:15 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence and machine learning applications to enable cybersecurity, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine the mission, activities, oversight, and budget of the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office; to be immediately followed by an open session in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, energy, installations, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2024 and the future years defense program, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.



*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Internal Revenue Service and the IRS's 2023 tax filing season, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine PEPFAR at 20, focusing on achieving and sustaining epidemic control, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine holding Russian kleptocrats and human rights violators accountable for their crimes against Ukraine, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine veterans consumer protection, focusing on preventing financial exploitation of veterans and their benefits, 3:45 p.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from the Honorable Michael Regan, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Science Foundation, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing and oversight hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, and National Institute of Health, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency, 2 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of the Army Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2024 Rotary Wing Aviation Budget Request", 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for Military Readiness", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining Biden's War on Independent Contractors", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Existing Federal Programs to Build a Stronger Health Workforce and Improve Primary Care", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Breaking Barriers: Streamlining Permitting to Expedite Broadband Deployment", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Who is Selling Your Data: A Critical Examination of the Role of Data Brokers in the Digital Economy", 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled "Understanding Stablecoins' Role in Payments and the Need for Legislation", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "A Roadmap for Growth: Reforms to Encourage Capital Formation and Investment Opportunities for All Americans", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Exposing Putin's Crimes: Evidence of Russian War Crimes and Other Atrocities in Ukraine", 10:30 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Border Security Enforcement Act of 2023; and H. J. Res. 44, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to "Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached 'Stabilizing Braces'", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the President's FY 2024 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Biden Administration's Disastrous Withdrawal from Afghanistan, Part I: Review by the Inspectors General", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation; and Subcommittee on Oversight of the House Committee on House Administration, joint hearing entitled "Data Breach at the DC Health Exchange", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting American Taxpayers: Highlighting Efforts to Protect Against Federal Waste, Fraud, and Mismanagement", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations, hearing entitled "Office of Inspector General Reports to Congress on Investigations of SBA Programs", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Examining the Current and Future Challenges Facing the Aerospace Workforce", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 592, the "Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization Improvement Act"; H.R. 608, to terminate the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1658, the "Manage VA Act"; H.R. 1659, the "Department of

Veterans Affairs IT Modernization Improvement Act”; and H.R. 2499, the “VA Supply Chain Management System Authorization Act”, 9:30 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 234, the “Gerald’s Law Act”; H.R. 984, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 1329, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the maximum number of judges who may be appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; H.R. 1378, the “Veterans Appeals Backlog Improvement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Veterans’ Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act”; and H.R. 1530, the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”, 3:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H. J. Res 39, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to “Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord with Presidential Proclamation 10414”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing on the U.S. Tax Code Subsidizing Green Corporate Handouts and the Chinese Communist Party”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency, hearing entitled “Central Intelligence Agency Budget Hearing”, 2 p.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 870, Fire Grants and Safety Act, and vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 79, and Hagerty Modified Amendment No. 72, at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of Hagerty Modified Amendment No. 72, Senator TUBERVILLE, or his designee, will be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res 10, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to “Reproductive Health Services”. Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at 4:15 p.m.

*(Senate will recess from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. to allow for an all-Senators briefing.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 734—Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023.

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