

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S1353–S1402**

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1289–1327, and S. Res. 174–178. **Pages S1381–83**

**Measures Passed:**

**Justice for Jana Elementary Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 418, to provide financial assistance to schools impacted by radioactive contaminants, and the bill was then passed.

**Pages S1360–62**

**Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 1311, to reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund. **Pages S1362–63**

**Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards:** By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No 98), Senate passed S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

**Pages S1360, S1363–65**

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

Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution.

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**Mutual Defense Treaty 70th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 175, recognizing the importance of the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea on October 1, 1953.

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**Month of the Military Child:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, supporting the designation of April 2023 as the “Month of the Military Child”. **Page S1377**

**Authorizing Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Powell*. **Page S1377**

**Authorizing Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 178, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Kelly*. **Page S1377**

**Measures Considered:**

**VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act:** By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 97), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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**Equal Rights Amendment—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res 4, removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

**Pages S1365–69**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 12 noon, on Thursday, April 27, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, ripen at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

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**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Yoon Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

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**Farbiarz Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Farbiarz, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S1369**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1369**

**Kirsch Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert Kirsch, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S1369**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael Farbiarz, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S1369**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1369**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1369**

**Merchant Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Orelia Eleta Merchant, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S1370**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Kirsch, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S1370**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1370**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1370**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 74 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 96), Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S1353–59**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1380**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1379–80**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1392–S1401**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1401–02**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S1359, S1360, S1365**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1402.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 and advance appropriations requests for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*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

Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,279 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Granholm, Secretary, and Jill Hruby, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Andrew P. Hunter, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Lieutenant General S. Clinton Hinote, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration, and Requirements, Lieutenant General Richard G. Moore, Jr., USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, and Lieutenant General James C. Slife, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

### ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine public integrity and anti-corruption laws at the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Colonel Lawrence B. Wilkerson, USA (Ret.), Caroline Krass, General Counsel, Carrie F. Ricci, General Counsel, Department of the Army, John P. Coffey, General Counsel, Department of the Navy, and Peter J. Beshar, General Counsel, Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; and Danielle Brian, Project On Government Oversight.

### HOUSING CHALLENGES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine building consensus to address housing challenges, including S. 735, to strengthen the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and S.32, to increase the

number of landlords participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program, after receiving testimony from Lou Tisler, National NeighborWorks Association, Vanessa Brown Calder, Cato Institute, and Diane Yentel, National Low Income Housing Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the health costs of climate change, after receiving testimony from Maryland Delegate Stephanie Smith, Annapolis; Katelyn Moretti, Brown Emergency Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island; Michael Greenstone, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Carl J. Schramm, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York; and Michael Shellenberger, Environmental Progress, Albany, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1189, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility;

S. 1194, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States; and

The nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, and Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

### CLEANER AND STRONGER ECONOMY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to improve project reviews for a cleaner and stronger economy, after receiving testimony from Christy Goldfuss, Natural Resources Defense Council, Dana Johnson, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Jay Timmons, National Association of Manufacturers, and Martin J. Durbin, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Energy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christina Hayes, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, Arlington, Virginia.

### USAID BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Samantha Power, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

### TUNISIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy on Tunisia, after receiving testimony from Joshua Harris, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Megan Doherty, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, United States Agency for International Development.

### **BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine 10 years since the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on lessons learned, after receiving testimony from Richard Serino, Harvard University National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, former Deputy Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Abington, Massachusetts; Kerry Sleeper, Secure Community Network, Suffield, Connecticut; and Edward F. Davis III, Edward Davis Company, former Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts.

### **INCREASED MIGRATION ALONG SOUTHERN BORDER**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management concluded a hearing to examine the effects of increased migration on communities along the southern border, after receiving testimony from Mayor Douglas J. Nicholls, Yuma, Arizona; Mayor Clea McCaa II, Sierra Vista, Arizona; Francisco Garcia, Pima County Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, Tucson, Arizona; and Chief Kevin Hearod, McAlester Police Department, McAlester, Oklahoma.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.

### **POST-DOBBS AMERICA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a post-*Dobbs* America, after receiving testimony from Michele Bratcher Goodwin, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Nisha Verma, Physicians for Reproductive Health, Atlanta, Georgia; Ingrid Skop, Lozier Institute, San Antonio, Texas; Monique Chireau Wubbenhorst, University of Notre Dame de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, Indiana; and Amanda Zurawski, Austin, Texas.

### **SBA OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the SBA's implementation of final rules to expand access to capital, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kelley, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, and Sheldon Shoemaker, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration; Hilda Kennedy, AmPac Tri-State CDC, Inc., dba AmPac Business Capital, Ontario, California; and Chris Pilkerton, Accion Opportunity Fund, Tilghman, Maryland.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 280, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, S. 350, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses and children of individuals who die from a service-connected disability within 120 days of serving in the Armed Forces, S. 414, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 498, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 572, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide answers to questions submitted for the record to the Secretary by members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives within 45 business days, S. 656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans education assistance, S. 740, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 774, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a pilot program to hire transitioning servicemembers to be Border Patrol agents, S. 897, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a permanent increase in the number of judges presiding over the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, S. 1090, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the payment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to

allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance, administered by the Secretary, to a foreign institution of higher education, an original bill entitled, “Student Veterans Transparency and Protection Act”, an original bill entitled, “Love Lives On Act”, and an original bill entitled, “Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act”, after receiving testimony from Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, Education Service, Kevin Friel, Deputy Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, and Nick Pamperin, Executive Director, Veteran Readiness and Employment Service, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and David Barrans, Chief Counsel, Benefits Law Group,

Office of General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Shane L. Liermann, Disabled American Veterans, Tammy Barlet, Student Veterans of America, Ashlynn Haycock-Lohmann, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, and Diane Boyd Rauber, National Organization of Veterans’ Advocates, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 52 public bills, H.R. 2870–2921; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 328–332, were introduced. **Pages H2047–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2051–52**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 327, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2811) to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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” (H. Rept. 118–43). **Pages H2046–47**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Obernolte to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1953**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1958**

**Order of Business—Consideration of H. Con. Res. 30:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on April 27, 2023 to consider H. Con. Res. 30 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for 80 minutes of debate with 20 minutes controlled by Representative McCaul of Texas, 20 minutes controlled by Representative Meeks of New York, and 40 minutes controlled by Representative Gaetz of Florida or their respective designees. **Page H1960**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:29 p.m. **Page H1977**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, April 25th. Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act: H.R. 1353, amended, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules for the provision of emergency connectivity service, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 197; and **Pages H1978–79**

**Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act:** H.R. 1339, to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 200. **Page H2039**

**Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023:** The House passed H.R. 2811, to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 199. **Pages H1960–77, H1979–S2038**

Rejected the Ryan (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 198. **Pages H2037–38**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 118–43 shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H1979–S2012**

H. Res. 327, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2811) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 39) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 196, after the previous question

was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 195. **Pages H1977–78**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate a King Kamehameha Day Lei Draping Ceremony: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 35, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate a King Kamehameha Day Lei Draping Ceremony. **Page H2039**

Authorizing video recording in the House Chamber during a joint meeting of Congress for certain educational purposes: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 328, authorizing video recording in the House Chamber during a joint meeting of Congress for certain educational purposes. **Pages H2039–40**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 27th. **Page H2040**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1977–78, H1978, H1979, H2037–38, H2038, and H2039.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PRODUCER PERSPECTIVES ON THE 2023 FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit held a hearing entitled “Producer Perspectives on the 2023 Farm Bill”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PROVIDER RELIEF FUND AND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Provider Relief Fund and Healthcare Workforce Shortages”. Testimony was heard from Carole Johnson, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held an oversight hearing and budget hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Billy Nolen, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTMAKING COMPONENTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice Grantmaking Components. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Justice officials: Hugh T. Clements, Jr., Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Allison Randall, Acting Director, Office on Violence Against Women; and Rachel Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Justice Programs.

### U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and General Christopher G. Cavoli, Commander, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

### FY24 NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS HEARING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY24 National Security Space Programs Hearing”. Testimony was heard from John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Department of Defense; Frank Cavelli, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisitions and Integration, U.S. Air Force; Christopher Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense; and Tonya P. Wilkerson, Deputy Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

### FISCAL YEAR 2024 ARMY MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Army Modernization Programs”. Testimony was heard from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Department of the Army; General James E. Rainey, Commanding General, Army Futures Command; and Lieutenant General Erik C. Peterson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8, Department of the Army.

### REDUCING HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR WORKING AMERICANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Reducing Health Care Costs for

Working Americans and Their Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LOWERING UNAFFORDABLE COSTS:  
LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE  
TRANSPARENCY AND COMPETITION IN  
HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Lowering Unaffordable Costs: Legislative Solutions to Increase Transparency and Competition in Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**EXPOSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL, HUMAN  
RIGHTS, AND NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS  
OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S RUSH  
TO GREEN POLICIES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Exposing the Environmental, Human Rights, and National Security Risks of the Biden Administration’s Rush to Green Policies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 835, the “Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act”; H.R. 1579, the “Accredited Investor Definition Review Act”; H.R. 1548, the “Improving Access to Small Business Information Act”; H.R. 2792, the “Small Entity Update Act”; H.R. 2797, the “Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act”; H.R. 2793, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023”; H.R. 2610, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes; H.R. 2608, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes; H.R. 2795, the “Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act”; H.R. 2593, the “Senior Security Act”; H.R. 2812, the “Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act”; H.R. 2796, the “Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act”; H.R. 2799, the “Expanding Access to Capital Act”; H.R. 2798, the “CFPB Transparency and Accountability Reform Act”; H.R. 1807, the “Improving Disclosure for Investors Act of 2023”. H.R. 835, H.R. 1579, H.R. 1548, H.R. 2792, H.R. 2797, H.R. 2793, H.R. 2610, H.R. 2608, H.R. 2795,

H.R. 2593, H.R. 2812, H.R. 2796, H.R. 2799, H.R. 2798, and H.R. 1807 were ordered reported, as amended.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1690, to authorize Secretary of State to negotiate regional immigration agreements, and for other purposes; and H.R. 589, to impose sanctions on the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee On Homeland Security:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2794, the “Border Reinforcement Act of 2023”.

**THE PATH TOWARD A MORE MODERN  
AND EFFECTIVE CONGRESSIONAL  
RESEARCH SERVICE**

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Modernization held a hearing entitled “The Path Toward a More Modern and Effective Congressional Research Service”. Testimony was heard from Mary B. Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE BUREAU OF  
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND  
EXPLOSIVES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of 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.

**THE BIDEN BORDER CRISIS:  
EXPLOITATION OF UNACCOMPANIED  
ALIEN CHILDREN**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “The Biden Border Crisis: Exploitation of Unaccompanied Alien Children”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2024  
BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. FOREST  
SERVICE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2024 Budget Request for the U.S. Forest Service”. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

**EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2024 Budget Request for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Liz Klein, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Paul Huang, Deputy Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; and David Applegate, Director, U.S. Geological Survey.

**THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE'S 2023 HIGH RISK LIST**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Government Accountability Office’s 2023 High Risk List”. Testimony was heard from Gene L Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

**THE CONSEQUENCES OF SCHOOL CLOSURES, PART 2: THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, MS. RANDI WEINGARTEN**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “The Consequences of School Closures, Part 2: The President of the American Federation of Teachers, Ms. Randi Weingarten”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

**CHINA IN OUR BACKYARD: HOW CHINESE MONEY LAUNDERING ORGANIZATIONS ENRICH THE CARTELS**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a hearing entitled “China in Our Backyard: How Chinese Money Laundering Organizations Enrich the Cartels”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2024”. Testimony was heard from Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National

Science Foundation; and Dan Reed, Chair, National Science Board.

**HELP WANTED: EXPLORING HOW ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO STUDENT DEBT CAN HELP TO STRENGTHEN SMALL BUSINESS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Help Wanted: Exploring How Alternative Paths to Student Debt Can Help to Strengthen Small Business”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2741, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2023”. H.R. 2741 was ordered reported, as amended.

**HEARING ON SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS: A FACT-BASED FOUNDATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Social Security Fundamentals: A Fact-Based Foundation”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Barry Huston, Analyst, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

**HEARING ON TAX-EXEMPT HOSPITALS AND THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT STANDARD**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Tax-Exempt Hospitals and the Community Benefit Standard”. Testimony was heard from Jessica Lucas-Judy, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be followed by a



closed session at 12:30 p.m. in SVC-217, 8 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Credit Reporting Agencies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Eric W. Kneedler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Karen Sasahara, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Martina Anna Tkadlec Strong, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1207, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, S. 1199, to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry, S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, and the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Charnelle Bjelkengren, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Amanda K. Brailsford, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, S. Kato Crews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Marian F. Gaston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Molly R. Silfen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Eric G. Olshan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Identifying the Regulatory Gaps in Spot Market Regulation”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, 9 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Federal Trade Commission, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request”, 12:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “A Review of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise’s Posture and Capabilities in Strategic Competition and in Synchronizing Intelligence Efforts to Counter the People’s Republic of China”, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “Addressing America’s Data Privacy Shortfalls: How a National Standard Fills Gaps to Protect Americans’ Personal Information”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Biosafety of Risky Research: Examining if Science is Outpacing Policy and Safety”, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Inclusion, hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Identifying the Regulatory Gaps in Digital Asset Market Structure”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “CISA 2025: The State of American Cybersecurity from CISA’s Perspective”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence”, 2:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Fixing FISA: How a Law Designed to Protect Americans Has Been Weaponized Against Them”, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on the 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”; H.R. 215, the “WATER for California Act”; H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; H.R. 1245, the “Grizzly Bear State Management Act of 2023”; H.R. 1319, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 1419, the “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1567, the “ACRES Act”, 9:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Fiscal Year

2024 Proposed Budget Request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration”, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing on Accountability and Transparency at the Internal Revenue Service with IRS Commissioner Werfel”, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing entitled “Defense Intelligence Agency Budget Hearing”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

### Joint Meeting

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine church, state, and Russia’s war on Ukraine, 1 p.m., 2020, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Thursday, April 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, April 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 4, Equal Rights Amendment, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12:30 p.m.

Following disposition of S.J. Res. 4, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

(At 11 a.m., His Excellency Yoon Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea, will address a Joint Meeting of Congress in the Hall of the House of Representatives. Senators should gather in the Senate Chamber at 10:20 a.m., to proceed as a body to the House Chamber at 10:30 a.m.)

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Yoon Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea. Consideration of H. Con. Res. 30—Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove all United States Armed Forces, other than United States Armed Forces assigned to protect the United States Embassy, from Somalia.

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