

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1445–S1469*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1396–1409, and S. Res. 188–190. **Page S1463**

**Measures Passed:**

*Quinnipiac University Men's Hockey Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 189, commending and congratulating the Quinnipiac University men's hockey team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey National Championship. **Page S1467**

*World Quantum Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 190, commemorating and supporting the goals of "World Quantum Day". **Pages S1467–68**

**Merchant Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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 S1458**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 106), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1458**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 3, 2023; all cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 11:30 a.m., and Senate vote on confirmation thereon; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Wesley L. Hsu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 9, 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", and Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of 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", which was received from the House, and S.J. Res. 9; that at 6:15 p.m., the joint resolutions be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolutions, in the order previously listed, with 15 minutes for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, between the votes on passage of the joint resolutions; provided further, following disposition of the joint resolutions, Senate resume executive session, and if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Wesley L. Hsu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Senate vote on confirmation thereon. **Page S1468**

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

By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Michael Farbiarz, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S1447–49, S1449–50**

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

By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1448–49**

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 105), Robert Kirsch, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S1449, S1458**

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

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 103), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1449**

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

Steven L. Swig, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Foreign Service, and Space Force. **Page S1469**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S1445**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1467**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—106) **Pages S1448–50, S1458**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1468.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMODITIES

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade concluded a hearing to examine commodity programs, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on producer perspectives on the farm safety net, after receiving testimony from Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation, and Rob Larew, National Farmers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Greg Ackerman, U.S. Dry Bean Council, Vassar, Michigan; Kody Carson, National Sorghum Producers, Lubbock, Texas; Brent Cheyne, National Association of Wheat Growers, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Blake Gendebien, Agri-Mark, Inc., Ogdensburg, New York, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation; Rich Hillman, USA Rice, Carlisle, Arkansas; Patrick Johnson, Cypress Brake Planting Co., Tunica, Mississippi; Caleb Ragland, American Soybean Association, Magnolia, Kentucky; Neil Rockstad, American Sugar Alliance, Hendrum, Minnesota; Karla Baker Thompson, JET Farms Georgia and Integrity Farms, Camilla, Georgia, on behalf of the United States Peanut Federation; and Harold Wolle, National Corn Growers Association, Madelia, Minnesota.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary, and General James C. McConville, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, Department of Defense.

### INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine advancing security and prosperity through international conservation, after receiving testimony from Gillian Caldwell, Chief Climate Officer and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environment, Energy, and Infrastructure, United States Agency for International Development; Kaddu Kiwe Sebunya, African Wildlife Foundation; and Andrew Steer, Bezos Earth Fund.

### 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 Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, 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.

### JOINT FORCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the current readiness of the Joint Force, after receiving testimony from General Randy A. George, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Admiral Lisa M. Franchetti, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General Eric M. Smith, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David W. Allvin, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General David D. Thompson, USSF, Vice Chief of Space Operations, all of the Department of Defense; and Diana Maurer, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense space activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024

and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John F. Plumb, Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, Frank Calvelli, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, and General David D. Thompson, Vice Chief of Space Operations, Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

#### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on improving community resilience, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Kousky, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; Roy E. Wright, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety, Richburg, South Carolina; and Patty Hernandez, Headwaters Economics, Bozeman, Montana.

#### RURAL HOUSING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine rural housing legislation, after receiving testimony from Natalie N. Maxwell, National Housing Law Project, San Francisco, California; Chris Potterpin, Council for Affordable and Rural Housing, Alexandria, Virginia; David Lipsetz, Housing Assistance Council, Washington, D.C.; Dianne Hunt, Syringa Property Management, Boise, Idaho; and Anne Mavity, Minnesota Housing Partnership, St. Paul.

#### DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR 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 Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

#### EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity

Policy concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for East Asia and the Pacific, after receiving testimony from Daniel J. Krittenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Michael Schiffer, Assistant Administrator for Asia, United States Agency for International Development.

#### FEDERAL GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving access to Federal grants for underserved communities, after receiving testimony from Jeff Arkin, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Meagan Elliot, City of Detroit Office of Development and Grants, Detroit, Michigan; and Matthew Hanson, Witt O'Brien's LLC, Houston, Texas.

#### SUPREME COURT ETHICS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Supreme Court ethics reform, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Mukasey, former Attorney General of the United States, Debevoise and Plimpton, New York, New York; Jeremy Fogel, University of California at Berkeley Judicial Institute, Thomas H. Dupree, Jr., Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, and Kedric Payne, Campaign Legal Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Amanda Frost, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 2, 3036–3078; and 15 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 37–39; and H. Res. 348–359 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2128–29**

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

H. Res. 300, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit, respectively, to the House of Representatives copies of all documents indicating any plans for current or future

military assistance to Ukraine and documents indicating whether any United States Armed Forces, including special operations forces, are currently deployed in Ukraine (H. Rept. 118–44). **Page H2124**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2123**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine combatting transnational criminal organizations and related trafficking, 2 p.m., SD–138.

**Committee on the Budget:** to hold hearings to examine the real cost of fossil fuels, 10 a.m., SD–608.

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** to hold hearings to examine the 2024 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers budget and implementation of Water Resources Development Act of 2022, 10 a.m., SD–406.

**Committee on Finance:** to hold hearings to examine barriers to mental health care, focusing on improving provider directory accuracy to reduce the prevalence of ghost networks, 10 a.m., SD–215.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** business meeting to consider S. 396, to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities, S. 682, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, S. 1240, to modify the requirements for candidate coun-

tries under the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, S. 841, to authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, S. 797, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, an original bill entitled, “Western Hemisphere Partnership Act”, S. Res. 119, recognizing the 202nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, S. Res. 157, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, S. Res. 106, condemning Beijing’s destruction of Hong Kong’s democracy and rule of law, S. Res. 99, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day, S. Con. Res. 7, condemning Russia’s unjust and arbitrary detention of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza who has stood up in defense of democracy, the rule of law, and free and fair elections in Russia, S. Res. 115, supporting the goals and ideals of “Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month” and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction, S. Res. 23, demanding that the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan, and the nominations of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, all of the Department of State, Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Kenneth M. Jarin, of Pennsylvania, to be Chair, and to be a Member, and Jeffrey Gedmin, of the District of Columbia, Kathleen Cunningham Matthews, of Maryland, Luis Manuel Botello, of Maryland, and Michelle Mai Selesky Giuda, of Virginia, each to be a Member, all of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development, to hold hearings to examine the global information wars, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

**Committee on Indian Affairs:** business meeting to consider S. 1308, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to extend the deadline for the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations implementing title IV of that Act; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 195, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L’Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854, S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the

benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, and an original bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify the authorized purposes and term period of tribal leases, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold

hearings to examine competition in the digital advertising ecosystem, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 3

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Orelia Eleta Merchant, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Orelia Eleta Merchant, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Wesley L. Hsu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Wesley L. Hsu, Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 9, Lesser Prairie-Chicken, and H.J. Res. 39, Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties, en bloc.

At 6:15 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of S.J. Res. 9, Lesser Prairie-Chicken, and H.J. Res. 39, Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties, on confirmation of the nomination of Wesley L. Hsu, if cloture has been invoked, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of LaShonda A. Hunt, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, May 5

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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