

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:30:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:30:36 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 4638–4663; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 82 were introduced. **Pages H3611–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3614**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Tony Foster, Restoration Worship Center, Greenwood, South Carolina. **Page H3579**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H3579**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024: The House passed H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 328. Consideration began on Wednesday, July 12th.

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Rejected the Houlahan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 210 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 327.

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Agreed to:

Davidson amendment (No. 66 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that would prevent DOD from purchasing data that would otherwise require a warrant, court order, or subpoena; **Pages H3584–85**

Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 118–142: Green (TN) (No. 2) that prohibits the Secretary of Defense from providing any support for the production of a film subject to content restrictions or censorship screening requirements from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) or government of the People's Republic of China (PRC);

Green (TN) (No. 3) that prohibits the sale of any goods manufactured, assembled, or imported from China at commissary stores or military exchanges;

Stefanik (No. 4) that adds U.S. entities that partner with universities in China and Russia that maintain partnerships with their military or intelligence services to a DoD list of U.S. universities that are engaged in malign activities;

Gallagher (No. 6) that restricts DoD funding for fundamental research collaboration with certain PRC entities;

Gallagher (No. 7) that prohibits the U.S. government and those that contract with the U.S. government from acquiring genetic sequencing equipment from Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI) and its subsidiaries;

Gallagher (No. 8) that directs the Department of Defense Inspector General to determine the total amount of DOD dollars paid to EcoHealth Alliance, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or any other lab or organization affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party;

DesJarlais (No. 9) that prohibits funds authorized by this Act from being used to engage in direct, bilateral cooperation with the People's Republic of China or China-affiliated organizations on biomedical

research programs without explicit authorization from Congress and the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Perry (No. 11) that prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to refer to Taiwan as anything other than “Taiwan” in publications or on departmental and agency websites;

Perry (No. 12) that prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to promote a “one country, two systems” solution for Taiwan;

Perry (No. 13) that prohibits the use of funds to forbid active duty military officers of Taiwan from wearing their uniforms during visits to the United States;

Ogles (No. 14) that ensures oversight over the implementation of the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act;

McClain (No. 15) that prohibits funding to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, as well as EcoHealth Alliance, any subsidiary of EcoHealth Alliance, any organization directly controlled by EcoHealth Alliance, or any organization or individual that is a subgrantee or subcontractor of EcoHealth Alliance;

Molinaro (No. 16) that includes a study to identify potential vulnerabilities in U.S. military systems and infrastructure that could be exploited by adversarial AI applications used by the PRC, Russia, and other actors of concern;

Garamendi (No. 17) that fixes loopholes in existing requirements for pricing data by clarifying when cost or pricing data is required;

Reschenthaler (No. 18) that requires DOD to submit to Congress a report on whether any products sold at commissary or exchange stores in fiscal years 2022 or 2023 were produced by companies that have participated in a boycott action against the State of Israel;

Lamborn (No. 19) that prohibits the Department of Defense from entering into contracts with entities that engaged in a boycott of the State of Israel;

DesJarlais (No. 26) that prohibits funds authorized in this bill from being used to further any nuclear agreement with Iran that has not received explicit Congressional approval;

Donalds (No. 29) that directs each branch of the U.S. Armed Services to submit a statement, if they certify that they’re interested in potentially utilizing advanced nuclear technology, outlining what they would need in terms of bolstering regulatory certainty relating to deploying advanced nuclear reactors for military operations and logistical support;

Jackson (TX) (No. 36) that prohibits any adverse actions against cadets or midshipmen based on their COVID–19 vaccination status;

Wenstrup (No. 37) that provides for a study regarding the immune response levels of

servicemembers to COVID–19 infection and vaccination;

Banks (No. 38) that amends service reinstatement and protection provisions in the FY2024 NDAA for servicemembers who refused Covid vaccination to also include members of the Coast Guard;

Norman (No. 39) that prohibits of any sort of mask mandate regarding the spread of COVID–19 on any military installation in the United States;

Pfluger (No. 42) that requires the Secretary of Defense to notify local, State, and Federal elected officials not later than 90 days before the Department of Defense uses, creates, or repurposes a military base to house migrants;

Biggs (No. 43) that requires the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on agreements made by the United States with the Taliban;

Rosendale (No. 44) that amends Section 1021(b) of the FY12 NDAA to limit the authority of the U.S. military to indefinitely detain individuals pursuant to the 2001 AUMF, to exclude American citizens from being subject to detention;

Norman (No. 53) that requires that any DOD component that fails to pass an independent audit have 1.5 percent of its budget returned to the Treasury for deficit reduction;

Biggs (No. 54) that requires the Department of Defense to perform an audit;

Gosar (No. 60) that requires the Secretary of Defense to expeditiously disclose to the public all records relating to the war in Afghanistan;

Luttrell (No. 65) that requires a report on U.S. assistance to Iraq Popular Mobilization Forces and if any of these funds have benefited any member of a foreign terrorist organization;

Mike Garcia (CA) (No. 67) that modifies the base pay rate for certain junior enlisted servicemembers to ensure that these servicemembers’ base pay is at least \$31,200 per year effective Jan 1, 2024;

Boebert (No. 68) that provides for the orderly closure and disposal of the Pueblo Chemical Depot Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in Pueblo County, Colorado;

Cloud (No. 70) that requires energy project applicants reviewed by the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse to submit a foreign agent and principal disclosure and allows governors of states 120 days to review and respond to a notice of presumed risk in their state;

Edwards (No. 71) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct an assessment of the 15 counties in Western North Carolina as potential locations for future defense assets and to prepare a report for Congress;

Lawler (No. 72) that adds a sense of Congress that defense intelligence sharing between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea, Japan, and Taiwan is crucial for identifying and countering the malign activities of China and North Korea in the Indo-Pacific;

Gallagher (No. 73) that establishes a fence on OSD travel until DoD submits a plan to provide the transfer of certain excess coastal defense capabilities to security partners with a presidential drawdown authority; Tony Gonzales (TX) (No. 74) that establishes a National Digital Reserve Corps administered by GSA;

Gallagher (No. 75) that requires an evaluation of the provision of defense support for Taiwan;

Good (VA) (No. 76) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to Congress within one year of enactment on the extent to which Communist China has benefited from taxpayer funded research;

Graves (MO) (No. 77) that clarifies the list of Federal representatives designated to serve on the Maritime Working Group established under title XXXV;

Graves (MO) (No. 78) that authorizes a memorial marker or niche cover and ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery in remembrance of Congressman Don Young;

Peters (No. 79) that clarifies the use of government operated dry docks for non-nuclear surface ship repair;

Tenney (No. 80) that requires a report by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, on U.S. efforts to dissuade allies from purchasing Russian and Chinese weapons;

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Banks amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits any funds authorized in the bill from being used by the military service academies to discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity in academy admissions or to establish quotas for admission on the basis of race or ethnicity (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 325);and

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Roy amendment (No. 64 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits DOD from carrying out Biden’s climate change executive orders (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 326).

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H. Res. 583, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670) was agreed to yesterday, July 13th.

H. Res. 582, the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670), was agreed to Wednesday, July 12th. Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references and to make such

other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, July 17th for Morning Hour debate.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3597–98, H3598, H3599, and H3599–H3600.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

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HOW MANDATES LIKE ESG DISTORT MARKETS AND DRIVE UP COSTS FOR INSURANCE AND HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “How Mandates Like ESG Distort Markets and Drive Up Costs for Insurance and Housing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIXING FISA, PART II

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Fixing FISA, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JULY 17, 2023**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3935, the “Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act”; and H.R. 3941, the “Schools Not Shelters Act”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, July 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, July 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m., followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2226, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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