

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2716–2726, S.J. Res. 43, and S. Res. 328. **Page S3894**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, during the adjournment:

S. 473, to provide for drone security. (S. Rept. No. 118–87)

S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office. (S. Rept. No. 118–88)

S. 1865, to direct agencies to be transparent when using automated and augmented systems to interact with the public or make critical decisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–89)

S. 1886, to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–90)

S. 2073, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–91)

S. 2043, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on Tuesday, September 5:

S. 1425, to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–92)

S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United

States reliance on the People’s Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–93)

S. 1973, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–94)

S. 359, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3894**

Measures Passed:

National Airborne Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 327, designating August 16, 2023, as “National Airborne Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4209**

Jefferson Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S3869–81**

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

By 83 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 213), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3879–80**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Gwynne A.

Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gwynne A. Wilcox; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at 5:15 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S4209–10**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Brodsky, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Janice Miriam Hellreich, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2030.

Leslie N. Bluhm, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2028.

Paul Herdman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2026.

Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2028.

David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

French Hill, of Arkansas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Janet Keller, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Barbara Lee, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Courtney Diesel O'Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador.

Calvin Smyre, of Georgia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Erik John Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jeffrey Worthe, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3891–93**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—213) **Pages S3879–80**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:01 p.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4210.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5337–5351; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86–88, were introduced. **Page H4222**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4223–24**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Banks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4221**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Hannah Spiro, Hill Havurah, Washington, DC. **Page H4221**

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 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D811)

H.R. 423, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. Signed on July 28, 2023. (Public Law 118–11)

H.R. 3672, to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the “Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. Signed on July 28, 2023. (Public Law 118–12)

H.R. 4004, to approve and implement the Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States regarding Trade between the United States of America and Taiwan. Signed on August 7, 2023. (Public Law 118–13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine AUKUS, focusing on a generational opportunity to deepen our security partnerships with Australia and the United Kingdom, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine after apprehension, focusing on tracing DHS responsibilities after Title 42, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Jeffrey M. Bryan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.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.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 6 through
September 8, 2023

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, post-cloture.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Philip Nathan Jefferson, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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At 5:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 7, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on challenges in the property insurance market and the impact on consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 7, to hold hearings to examine recent advances in artificial intelligence and the Department of Energy's role in ensuring United States competitiveness and security in emerging technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 7, to hold hearings to examine implementing IJJA, focusing on perspectives on the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 6, to hold hearings to examine AUKUS, focusing on a generational opportunity to deepen our security partnerships with Australia and the United Kingdom, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 7, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine fiscal year 2024 budget priorities for the Western Hemisphere, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 6, Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine after apprehension, focusing on tracing DHS responsibilities after Title 42, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

September 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, Danny Lam Hoan

Nguyen, and Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 6, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Jeffrey M. Bryan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jerry Edwards, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Margaret M. Garnett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, Brandon S. Long, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Matthew James Maddox, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Brandy R. McMillion, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Karoline Mehalchick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, and Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Philip S. Hadji, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Rebecca C. Lutzko, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and April M. Perry, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 6, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through July 31, 2023

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	104	108	..
Time in session	487 hrs, 16'	405 hrs, 38'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	3,847	4,153	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	745	..
Public bills enacted into law	34	7	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	224	206	430
Senate bills	41	5	..
House bills	9	109	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	3	..
House joint resolutions	7	12	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	6	11	..
Simple resolutions	156	66	..
Measures reported, total	*170	159	329
Senate bills	138	..	..
House bills .....	..	120	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	5	..
Simple resolutions	30	26	..
Special reports	15	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	156	67	..
Measures introduced, total	3,100	5,864	8,964
Bills	2,712	5,083	..
Joint resolutions	42	83	..
Concurrent resolutions	19	61	..
Simple resolutions	327	637	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	212	170	..
Recorded votes .....	..	211	..
Bills vetoed	1	5	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 86 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 161 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through July 31, 2023

Civilian nominees, totaling 328, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	98
Unconfirmed	225
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,129, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	925
Unconfirmed	204
Air Force nominees, totaling 5,716, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,049
Unconfirmed	667
Army nominees, totaling 5,860, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,231
Unconfirmed	629
Navy nominees, totaling 1,929, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,838
Unconfirmed	91
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,100, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,079
Unconfirmed	21
Space Force nominees, totaling 408, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	399
Unconfirmed	9
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	16,470
Total confirmed	14,619
Total unconfirmed	1,846
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Time in session	487 hrs, 26'	406 hrs, 2'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	3,865	4,213	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	803	..
Public bills enacted into law	34	8	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	224	206	430
Senate bills	41	5	..
House bills	9	109	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	3	..
House joint resolutions	7	12	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	6	11	..
Simple resolutions	156	66	..
Measures reported, total	*176	165	341
Senate bills	144	..	..
House bills .....	..	126	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	5	..
Simple resolutions	30	26	..
Special reports	15	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	162	72	..
Measures introduced, total	3,100	6,124	9,224
Bills	2,712	5,309	..
Joint resolutions	42	85	..
Concurrent resolutions	19	63	..
Simple resolutions	327	667	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	212	170	..
Recorded votes	211	..
Bills vetoed	1	5	..
Vetoes overridden

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 6

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gwynne A. Wilcox until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Friday, September 8

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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