

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4609–S4635

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2855–2874, and S. Res. 353–354. **Page 4630**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities of the Committee on the Budget during the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–99) **Page S4628**

Measures Passed:

National Estuaries Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 16 through September 23, 2023, as “National Estuaries Week”. **Page S4635**

Congratulating the Louisiana State University Baseball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series. **Page S4635**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4609–19**

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4609**

Murray Amendment No. 1205 (to Amendment No. 1092), to change the effective date. **Page S4609**

Murray motion to suspend Rule XVI for the consideration of Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092 (listed above) to the bill. **Pages S4609–10**

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1230, to change the effective date. **Page S4609**

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

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 233), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Murray motion to suspend Rule XVI for the consideration of Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092 (listed above) to the bill. **Pages S4618–19**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Murray motion to suspend Rule XVI for the consideration of Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092. **Page S4619**

George Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gen. Randy A. George for appointment as Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 7033: to be General. **Pages S4619, S4624–25**

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

By 92 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 236), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4624–25**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4619**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4619**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, September 21, 2023, and that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Gen. Eric M. Smith for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps and appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C.,

sections 601 and 8043: to be General, all post-cloture debate time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m.

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Smith Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gen. Eric M. Smith for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps and appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8043: to be General.

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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 Gen. Randy A. George for appointment as Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 7033: to be General.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 83 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 235), General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., for reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment in the U.S. Air Force: to be General.

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

By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 234), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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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.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—236) **Pages S4618–19, S4623–25**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4635.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence in financial services, after receiving testimony from Melissa Koide, FinRegLab, and Daniel S. Gorfine, Gattaca Horizons LLC, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael P. Wellman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

CHILD CARE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine child care since the pandemic, focusing on macroeconomic impacts of public policy measures, after receiving testimony from J. Glenn Hopkins, Hopkins House—A Center for Children and Their Families, Alexandria, Virginia; Sarah Hardy, Bobbie, San Francisco, California; and Kathryn Anne Edwards, Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC INVESTMENT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine public investment, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Harris, The Brookings Institution, and Shayna Strom, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, both of Washington, D.C.; Veronica Puentes, New Flyer, St. Cloud, Minnesota; Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Tyler Goodspeed, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, who was introduced by Senator Lee, and Andrew N. Ferguson, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator McConnell,

each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DROUGHT IMPACTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine drought impacts on drinking water access and water availability, after receiving testimony from Michael Brain, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Kyle Jones, Community Water Center, Sacramento, California; Jonathan Smith, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Oregon; and Albert Barker, Idaho Water Resources Board, Boise.

DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine drinking water infrastructure and tribal communities, after receiving testimony from Brian Bennon, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Phoenix; Ken Norton, National Tribal Water Council, Flagstaff, Arizona; Jola WallowingBull, Northern Arapaho Tribal Engineering Department, Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary (European and Eurasian Affairs), Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of

Haiti, Nathalie Rayes, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Tobin John Bradley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, all of the Department of State.

THE ACCOMMODATION PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights concluded a hearing to examine restoring transparency and accountability in the accommodation process, after receiving testimony from Sean M. Stiff, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Mark J. Rozell, George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government, Arlington, Virginia; and James H. Townsend, Wayne State Law School Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy, Detroit, Michigan.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving mental health and suicide prevention measures for our Nation's veterans, after receiving testimony from Matthew Miller, Executive Director, Suicide Prevention, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Veterans Health Administration, and Susan Black, Suicide Prevention Officer, Outreach, Transition, and Economic Development Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; John Eaton, Wounded Warrior Project, St. Augustine, Florida; and Gilly Cantor, Syracuse University D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 5581–5614; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65–66; and H. Res. 704–711, were introduced. **Pages H4436–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4439–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 615, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agri-

culture, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–203, Part 1);

H.R. 1245, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–204);

H.R. 1726, to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–205, Part 1);

H.R. 764, to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from

the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (H. Rept. 118–206); and

H.R. 5110, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify that the prohibition on the use of Federal education funds for certain weapons does not apply to the use of such weapons for training in archery, hunting, or other shooting sports, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–207). **Page H4436**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4411**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H4417**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 704, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H4419**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m. **Page H4425**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024: The House failed to agree to the motion to instruct conferees on 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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 400. **Page H4426**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, September 18th.

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2023: H.R. 1530, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the requirement to publish disability benefit questionnaire forms of Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 401; **Pages H4426–27**

Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act: H.R. 3371, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; and **Page H4427**

Amending the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue electronic stamps under such Act: H.R. 2872, amended, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue electronic stamps under such Act; **Page H4427**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4427**

Sergeant at Arms—Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 705, that William McFarland of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives. **Page H4427**

Administration of the Oath of Office to the Sergeant at Arms: The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to William McFarland, Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives. **Page H4427**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 21st. **Page H4436**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4426 and H4426–27.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES ON DEFENSE INNOVATION AND DETERRENCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives on Defense Innovation and Deterrence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MERITOCRACY IN THE MILITARY SERVICES: ACCESSION, PROMOTION, AND COMMAND SELECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Meritocracy in the Military Services: Accession, Promotion, and Command Selection”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Douglas Stitt, U.S. Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1; Vice Admiral Richard Cheeseman, Jr., U.S. Navy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel; Lieutenant General Caroline M. Miller, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services; Michael Strobl, Senior Executive Service, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; Katharine Kelley, Senior Executive Service, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital, U.S. Space Force; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup on legislation on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Legislation on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was ordered reported, without amendment.

STRENGTHENING WIOA: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR JOBSEEKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND TAXPAYERS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Strengthening WIOA: Improving Outcomes for Jobseekers, Employers, and Taxpayers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN HYDROPOWER: UNLEASHING RELIABLE, RENEWABLE, CLEAN POWER ACROSS THE U.S.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “American Hydropower: Unleashing Reliable, Renewable, Clean Power Across the U.S.”. Testimony was heard from Terry Turpin, Director of the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; John Hairston, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Thomas P. Smith, Chief of Operation and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and a public witness.

MAPPING AMERICA’S SUPPLY CHAINS: SOLUTIONS TO UNLEASH INNOVATION, BOOST ECONOMIC RESILIENCE, AND BEAT CHINA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Mapping America’s Supply Chains: Solutions to Unleash Innovation, Boost Economic Resilience, and Beat China”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AT WHAT COST: OVERSIGHT OF HOW THE IRA’S PRICE SETTING SCHEME MEANS FEWER CURES FOR PATIENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “At What Cost: Oversight of How the IRA’s Price Setting Scheme Means Fewer Cures for Patients”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3378, the “Agricultural Security Risk Review Act”; H.R. 5409, the “Safeguarding American Farms from Foreign Influence Act”; H.R. 760, the “Chinese Military and Surveillance Com-

pany Sanctions Act”; H.R. 5472, the “FinCEN Oversight and Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 5485, the “Financial Privacy Act of 2023”; H.R. 5119, the “Protect Small Business and Prevent Illicit Financial Activity Act”; H.R. 5523, the “Financial Access Improvements Act”; H.R. 5512, the “Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act of 2023”; H.R. 5524, the “Foreign Affiliates Sharing Pilot Program Extension Act”; H.R. 5403, the “CBDC Anti-Surveillance State Act”; and H.R. 5557, the “Combating Foreign Surveillance Spyware Sanctions Act”. H.R. 3378, H.R. 5409, H.R. 760, H.R. 5472, H.R. 5485, H.R. 5119, H.R. 5523, H.R. 5512, H.R. 5524, H.R. 5403, and H.R. 5557 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE FINANCIAL COSTS OF MAYORKAS’ OPEN BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Financial Costs of Mayorkas’ Open Border”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan W. Lines, County Supervisor, District 2, Yuma County, Arizona; Joseph C. Borelli, New York City Council, New York; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Election Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Election Commission officials: Shana M. Broussard, Commissioner; Sean J. Cooksey, Vice Chairman; Allen Dickerson, Commissioner; Dara Lindenbaum, Chair; Christopher Skinner, Inspector General; James E. Trainor III, Commissioner; and Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Merrick Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 929, the “Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023”; H.R. 934, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes; H.R. 1786, the “GROW Act”; H.R. 3448, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4051, the “SHARKED Act”; and H.R. 4596, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”. H.R. 934, H.R. 4051, and H.R. 3448 were ordered reported,

as amended. H.R. 4596, H.R. 1786, and H.R. 929 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4428, the “Guidance Clarity Act of 2023”; H.R. 4984, the “D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act”; H.R. 5040, the “Cannabis Users’ Restoration of Eligibility Act”; H.R. 5527, to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 5528, to evaluate the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes; H.R. 599, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”; H.R. 3865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”; H.R. 3947, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”; and H.R. 5034, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2119 Market Square in Christiansted, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, as the “Lieutenant General Samuel E. Ebbesen Post Office”. H.R. 4984, H.R. 5040, H.R. 5527, H.R. 4428, H.R. 5528, and H.R. 599 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3865, H.R. 5034, H.R. 3947 were ordered reported, without amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT; UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2023; CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, FOR SUBVERTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND DEPRIVING THE CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO OF THEIR RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act”; H.R. 1130, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”; and H. Res. 684, condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for subverting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of and H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act,

2024”, H.R. 1130, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”, and H. Res. 684, Condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for subverting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 4 and pro forma amendments described in section 5. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 5 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 4 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 5 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1130, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment in

the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 684, Condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for subverting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 684. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

A BAR TOO HIGH: CONCERNS WITH CEQ'S PROPOSED REGULATORY HURDLE FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "A Bar Too High: Concerns with CEQ's Proposed Regulatory Hurdle for Federal Contracting". Testimony was heard from Victoria Killion, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

ATHLETES AND INNOVATORS: ANALYZING NIL'S IMPACT ON ENTREPRENEURIAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Athletes and Innovators: Analyzing NIL's Impact on Entrepreneurial Collegiate Athletes". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Department of Transportation's Policies and Programs". Testimony was heard from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

LESS IS MORE: THE IMPACT OF BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE ON VETERANS' EDUCATION BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Less is More: The Impact of Bureaucratic Red Tape on Veterans' Education Benefits". Testimony was heard from Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, Education Service Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

VA PROCUREMENT: MADE IN AMERICA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "VA Procurement: Made in America". Testimony was heard from Michael D. Parrish, Principal Executive Director and Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs.

REFORMING THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES TO SAFEGUARD U.S. SUPPLY CHAINS AND COMBAT CHINA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Reforming the Generalized System of Preferences to Safeguard U.S. Supply Chains and Combat China". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine growing the economy of the future, focusing on job training for the clean energy transition, after receiving testimony from Courtenay Eichhorst, United Association Local Union 412, on behalf of New Mexico Building Trades, and Tracy Hartzler, Central New Mexico Community College, both of Albuquerque; and William W. Beach, Economic Policy Innovation Center, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.

VLADIMIR KARA-MURZA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Putin's personal prisoner Vladimir Kara-Murza, after receiving

testimony from Evgenia Kara-Murza, Free Russia Foundation; and Meghan McCain.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 384, to establish the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 432, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, S. 507, to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site, S. 594, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 608, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, S. 636, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 912, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, S. 924, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 961, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the “Salem Maritime National Historic Park”, S. 1015, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, S. 1059, to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, S. 1088, to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, S. 1097, to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, S. 1254, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1277, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, S. 1405, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah, S. 1521, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects, S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, S. 1657, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S.

1760, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, S. 2018, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment to identify locations in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for broadband internet access service and areas in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for cellular service, S. 2020, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, S. 2042, to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, S. 2136, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, S. 2149, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, and S. 2216, to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1573, to reauthorize the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act, S. 2415, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, S. 1624, to require certain civil penalties to be transferred to a fund through which amounts are made available for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, S. 2840, to improve access to and the quality of primary health care, expand the health workforce, and other pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Katherine E. Oler, Judith E. Pipe, and Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 11 a.m., SD-562.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Gen. Randy A. George for appointment as Chief of Staff of the Army, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Gen. Randy A. George, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gen. Eric M. Smith for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

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