

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4967–S5022

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3040–3046, and S. Res. 406. **Page S4977**

Measures Reported:

S. 2273, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. (S. Rept. No. 118–106) **Page S4977**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the life of Former Senator Richard Clarence Clark: Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, to honor the life and death of Richard Clarence Clark, former Senator for the State of Iowa. **Page S5022**

Hall Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware. **Pages S4967–74**

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

By 63 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 254), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4974**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 17, 2023; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Dis-

trict Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Karen Sasahara, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait. **Page S5022**

Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—254) **Page S4974**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Richard Clarence Clark, former Senator for the State of Iowa, in accordance with S. Res. 406, at 6:50 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5022.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 5960–5963; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 786–789, were introduced. **Pages H5015–16**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington, DC. **Page H5015**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 p.m. tomorrow, October 17th. **Page H5015**

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 6 p.m. and adjourned at 6:06 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. D1019)

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. Signed on October 6, 2023. (Public Law 118–17)

S. 112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida. Signed on October 6, 2023. (Public Law 118–18)

S. 2795, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on October 6, 2023. (Public Law 118–19)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine community development financial institutions and promotion of housing and economic opportunity, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the future of college sports, focusing on name, image, and likeness, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 17 through October 20, 2023

Senate Chamber

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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 Armed Services: October 18, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine military to civilian transition, focusing on success after service, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold open and closed hearings to examine the findings of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 17, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine community development financial institutions and promotion of housing and economic opportunity, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tanya F. Otsuka, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Mark Toshiro Uyeda, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Jennifer L. Fain, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, and William Brodsky, of Illinois, both to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: October 18, to hold hearings to examine achieving health care efficiency, focusing on improving care and lowering costs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 18, business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, and Andrew N. Ferguson, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, and Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 18, Subcommittee on Space and Science, to hold hearings to examine promoting safety, innovation, and competitiveness in U.S. commercial human space activities, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 19, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's due diligence process for awarding competitive grants and loans funded through the Inflation Reduction Act and the bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Department's overall innovation investment strategy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the implications of *Sackett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* for Clean Water Act of wetlands and streams, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 18, to hold hearings to examine Medicare Advantage annual enrollment, focusing on cracking down on deceptive practices and improving senior experiences, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, and Herro Mustafa Garg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, all of the Department of State, David E. White, Jr., of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 17, to hold hearings to examine the future of college sports, focusing on name, image, and likeness, 10 a.m., SH-216.

October 18, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety, to hold hearings to examine the nation's immigration courts, focusing on preserving due process and the rule of law, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, John A. Kazen, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Shanlyn A.S. Park, and Micah W.J. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Jamel Semper, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 18, with the Committee on Armed Services, to hold joint hearings to examine military to civilian transition, focusing on success after service, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 17, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 19, Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled "Can it work? Outside Perspectives on DOD's Replicator Program", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, October 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Sounding the Alarm: Examining the Need for a Fiscal Commission", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, October 18, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Protecting Workers and Small Businesses from Biden's Attack on Worker Free Choice and Economic Growth", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Protecting Kids: Combating Graphic, Explicit Content in School Libraries", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 18, Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "Safeguarding Data and Innovation: Building the Foundation for the Use of Artificial Intelligence", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled "Exposing EPA Efforts to Limit Chemicals Needed for Life-Saving Medical Devices and Other Essential Products", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Timeout: Evaluating Safety Measures Implemented to Protect Athletes", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Powering America's Energy Future", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "What's the Prognosis?: Examining Medicare Proposals to Improve Patient Access to Care and Minimize Red Tape for Doctors", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 19, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 559, declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran is not acceptable; H.R. 340, to impose sanctions

with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad; H.R. 3266, to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports reviewing the curriculum used by the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; H.R. 3774, to impose additional sanctions with respect to the importation or facilitation of the importation of petroleum products from Iran, and for other purposes; H.R. 5826, to require a report on sanctions under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 2973, to require the Secretary of Defense to develop, in cooperation with allies and partners in the Middle East, an integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capability, and for other purposes; H. Res. 599, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization; and H.R. 1809, to require the development of strategies and options to prevent the export to Iran of certain technologies related to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 210–HVC.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Examination of the Iranian Regime’s Threats to Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

October 19, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “The Role of Technology in Aviation Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

October 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Exploitation and Enforcement: Evaluating the Department of Homeland Security’s Efforts to Counter Uyghur Forced Labor”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 19, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part III—IP Theft, Cybersecurity, and AI”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the Biden Administration’s Unprecedented Obstruction of the BOEM Offshore Leasing Program”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 18, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 4389, the “Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023”; H.R. 4770, the “Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5009, the “WILD Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Securing Our Border, Saving Our National Parks”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 19, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1727, the “Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension Act”; H.R. 5283, the “Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023”; legislation on the Trash Reduction And Suppressing Harm from Environmental Degradation at the Border Act; and legislation on the Ensuring Border Access and Protection on Federal Land Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 19, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on legislation on the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, October 18, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Strengthening Biosafety and Biosecurity Standards: Protecting Against Future Pandemics”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Agencies’ Post-Pandemic Telework Policies: Part II”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

October 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. General Services Administration”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Balancing Knowledge and Governance: Foundations for Effective Risk Management of Artificial Intelligence”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Burdensome Regulations: Examining the Effects of DOL Rulemaking on America’s Job Creators”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 18, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Running on Empty: The Highway Trust Fund”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Regional Commissions: A Review of Federal Economic Development Program Effectiveness”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 18, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 522, the “Deliver for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2830, the “Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act of 2023”; H.R. 3601, the “Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act”; H.R. 3722, the “Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act”; H.R. 3738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; H.R. 3816, the “Veterans’ Entry to Apprenticeship Act”; H.R. 5190, the “Military Family Protection from Debt Act”; H.R. 5702, the “Expanding Access for Online Veteran Students Act”; H.R. 5785, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements of the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship; H.R. 5913, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2023”; H.R. 5914, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2023”; H.R. 5956, the “G.I. Bill Improvement Act”; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the fee for a housing loan guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a veteran with a service-connected disability who applied for

such loan before receiving a disability rating from the Secretary, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

October 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled “Trust in Transparency: Holding VA Accountable and Protecting Whistleblowers”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

October 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Emerging Therapies: Breakthroughs in the Battle Against Suicide?”, 1:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 18, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Protecting Beneficiaries from the Harm of Improper Payments”, 2 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

October 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Investigating Pandemic Fraud: Preventing History from Repeating Itself”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meeting

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: October 19, to hold hearings to examine Israel and Ukraine against terror, 2 p.m., 2247-RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 17

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, October 17

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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