

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5093–S5122

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3082–3103, and S. Res. 417–422. **Pages S5109–10**

Measures Reported:

S. 3084, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States. (S. Rept. No. 118–107)

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Measures Passed:

Standing with Israel: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 261), Senate agreed to S. Res. 417, standing with Israel against terrorism. **Page S5102**

Korean American VALOR Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 366, to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain individuals who served in Vietnam as a member of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5103**

Fargo National Cemetery: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2854, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the city of Fargo, North Dakota, for the conveyance of certain land of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Fargo National Cemetery, and the bill was then passed.

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Historian Emerita of the United States Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, designating Betty K. Koed as Historian Emerita of the United States Senate. **Page S5104**

National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, designating the week of October 15 through 21, 2023, as “National Chemistry Week”.

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Gold Star Children's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, designating August 1, 2023, as “Gold Star Children's Day”. **Page S5104**

Whitaker Nomination–Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, Department of Transportation. **Page S5101**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 19, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. **Page S5101**

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. **Page S5101**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during session of Thursday, October 19, 2023, ripen at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. **Page S5115**

Looman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S5102**

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 Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, Department of Transportation. **Page S5102**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S5101–02**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S 5102**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S5122**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S5115–22**

Executive Communications: **Pages S5105–09**

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Additional Statements: **Page S5105**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5115**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S5115**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—261) **Page S5102**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5115.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STRATEGIC POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the findings of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, Chair, and former Senator Jon L. Kyl, Vice Chair, both of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOE COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND LOANS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from David Crane, Under Secretary for Infrastructure, Jigar Shah, Director, Loan Programs Office, and Teri L. Donaldson, Inspector General, all of the Department of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing 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, and Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5988–6007; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 797–800, were introduced. **Pages H5031–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5033**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m. **Page H5031**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, October 20th. **Page H5031**

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 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CAN IT WORK? OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON DOD'S REPLICATOR PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled "Can it work? Outside Perspectives on DOD's Replicator Program". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUNDING THE ALARM: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR A FISCAL COMMISSION

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Sounding the Alarm: Examining the Need for a Fiscal Commission". Testimony was heard from Representative Womack, Former Member Robert Portman, Former Member John Yarmuth, and a public witness.

PROTECTING KIDS: COMBATING GRAPHIC, EXPLICIT CONTENT IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Protecting Kids: Combating Graphic, Explicit Content in School Libraries". Testimony was heard from Megan Degenfelder, Superintendent, Wyoming Department of Education; and public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN POWERING AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Powering America's Energy Future". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WHAT'S THE PROGNOSIS?: EXAMINING MEDICARE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE AND MINIMIZE RED TAPE FOR DOCTORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "What's the Prognosis?: Examining Medicare Proposals to Improve Patient Access to Care and Minimize Red Tape for Doctors". Testimony was heard from Meena Seshamani, M.D., Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie Gordon, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office;

Paul Masi, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a 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.

THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled "The Role of Technology in Aviation Security". Testimony was heard from Austin Gould, Assistant Administrator, Requirements and Capabilities Analysis, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Mario Wilson, Assistant Administrator, Acquisition Program Management, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Tina Won Sherman, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office.

EXPLOITATION AND ENFORCEMENT: EVALUATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER UYGHUR FORCED LABOR

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "Exploitation and Enforcement: Evaluating the Department of Homeland Security's Efforts to Counter Uyghur Forced Labor". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IP AND STRATEGIC COMPETITION WITH CHINA: PART III—IP THEFT, CYBERSECURITY, AND AI

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part III—IP Theft, Cybersecurity, and AI”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Joann Ariola, Council Member, 32nd District, New York City Council, New York; Troy Heithecker, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; George Lewis, Chair, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Federal Advisory Commission, U.S. National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on legislation on the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of, 2023. Testimony was heard from Joseph Y. Yun, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations, Department of State; and Carmen Cantor, Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior.

BURDENSOME REGULATIONS: EXAMINING THE EFFECTS OF DOL RULEMAKING ON AMERICA’S JOB CREATORS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Burdensome Regulations: Examining the Effects of DOL Rulemaking on America’s Job Creators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS: A REVIEW OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Build-

ings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Regional Commissions: A Review of Federal Economic Development Program Effectiveness”. Testimony was heard from Gayle Manchin, Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission; Corey Wiggins, Federal Co-Chair, Delta Regional Authority; Chris Saunders, Federal Co-Chair, Northern Border Regional Commission; Jennifer Clyburn Reed, Federal Co-Chair, Southeast Crescent Regional Commission; and Garrett Boyle, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission.

INVESTIGATING PANDEMIC FRAUD: PREVENTING HISTORY FROM REPEATING ITSELF

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Investigating Pandemic Fraud: Preventing History from Repeating Itself”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Shea, Director of Audits, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; Robert Asaro Angelo, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ISRAEL AND UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Israel and Ukraine against terror, after receiving testimony from Eliav Benjamin, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Israel to the United States; Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States of America; Jamil N. Jaffer, George Mason University National Security Institute; Jonathan Schanzer, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies; and Dan Twining, International Republican Institute.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, October 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, October 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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