

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5235–S5268*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3169–3174, and S. Res. 442–444. **Page S5257**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Country Music Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, designating October 2023 as “National Country Music Month”. **Page S5262**

**National Farm to School Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, designating October 2023 as “National Farm to School Month”. **Page S5262**

**Orbital Sustainability Act:** Senate passed S. 447, to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S5262–66**

Schumer (for Hickenlooper) Amendment No. 1358, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5262–64**

**Launch Communications Act:** Senate passed S. 1648, to facilitate access to the electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5266–67**

#### Measures Considered:

**Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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 motion proposed thereto: **Pages S5244–51**

#### Adopted:

By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 277), Hawley Amendment No. 1200 (to Amendment No. 1092),

to prohibit the use of funds for providing grants, funding, or any financial benefit to Chinese entities.

**Pages S5244–45**

Collins (for Blackburn) Amendment No. 1349 (to Amendment No. 1092), to withhold Federal funding from the Department of Transportation for awarding any Federal assistance to entities from certain foreign countries for projects related to unmanned aircraft systems. **Pages S5246–47**

Ernst Amendment No. 1177 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require reporting regarding telework by employees of agencies funded under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. **Pages S5247–49**

#### Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 278), Cruz/Lummis Amendment No. 1296 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit using funds to pay the salary of an individual who was nominated to the position of Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and whose nomination was subsequently withdrawn. **Pages S5245–46**

By 45 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 279), Budd Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce Executive Order 14019. **Page S5247**

#### Pending:

Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5244**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. **Page S5267**

**Franchetti Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8033: to be Admiral. **Pages S5251–52**

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 on Thursday, November 2, 2023. **Pages S5251–52**

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 S5251**

**Allvin Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gen. David W. Allvin for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 9033: 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 Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8033: to be Admiral.

**Page S5252**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5252**

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**Mahoney Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lt. Gen. Christopher J. Mahoney for appointment as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8044: to be General. **Page S5252**

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. David W. Allvin for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 9033: to be General. **Page S5252**

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Matthew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 276), Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel.

**Pages S5241–44**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 275), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S5255**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5255–57**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Page S5257**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5257–58**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5258–60**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5254–55**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5260–62**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5262**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5262**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—279) **Pages S5241–42, S5244–47**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5267.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **NATIONAL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national security supplemental request, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State; and Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary of Defense.

### **THREATS TO THE HOMELAND**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security; Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Christine Abizaid, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

**AI AND THE FUTURE OF WORK**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine AI and the future of work, after receiving testimony from Josh Lannin,

Workday, Boulder, Colorado; Mary Kate Morley Ryan, Accenture, St. Louis, Missouri; Tyrance Billingsley II, Black Tech Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Brad Newman, Baker McKenzie, Palo Alto, California, on behalf of the AI Subcommittee of the American Bar Association.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at noon on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

***Committee Meetings***

No hearings were held.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the science of extreme event attribution, focusing on how climate change is fueling severe weather events, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on Ukraine, 10 a.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hamp-

shire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Edward Sunyol Kiel, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Sarah French Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine ongoing threats to election administration, 3 p.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine small businesses and America's outdoor recreation economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine research at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

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

**House**

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4820, the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024"; H.R. 4821, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024"; and legislation on the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 1

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Wednesday, November 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 1217, and Paul Amendment No. 1347, as provided under the order of Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes during Wednesday's session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** To be announced.



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