

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5321–S5345

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3198–3226, S.J. Res. 48, and S. Res. 445–449.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1564, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish, or otherwise ensure the provision of, a training program on artificial intelligence for Federal management officials and supervisors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–109) **Page S5337**

Measures Passed:

All-American Flag Act: Senate passed S. 1973, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S5332**

Condemning Russia's Detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 7, condemning Russia's unjust and arbitrary detention of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza who has stood up in defense of democracy, the rule of law, and free and fair elections in Russia, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and the committee amendment to the preamble, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5332–35**

Schumer (for Cardin) Amendment No. 1359, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5333**

Schumer (for Cardin) Amendment No. 1360, to amend the preamble. **Pages S5333–34**

Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans educational assistance, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5335**

Wounded Warrior Access Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1226, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for the electronic request of certain records, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5335**

Security of Office Space: Senate passed S. 3222, to ensure the security of office space rented by Senators. **Pages S5335–36**

Beirut Veterans Remembrance Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2023, as "Beirut Veterans Remembrance Day" to remember the tragic terrorist bombing of the Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983. **Page S5336**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 448, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Page S5336**

Red Ribbon Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2023. **Page S5336**

Debbie Smith Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 499, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5336**

Schumer (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1361, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5336**

Appointments:

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–255, appointed the following individuals (effective January 1, 2024) to serve as members of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Zeynep Sumer King of New York, and Derek De Young of Wisconsin. **Page S5332**

Bertagnolli Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Monica M.

Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health. **Page S5330**

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, November 2, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023. **Page S5330**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5330**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5330**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 6, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, November 2, 2023 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5330**

Kato Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenly Kiya Kato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S5330–31**

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 Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health. **Page S5331**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5330**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Pages S5330–31**

Kobick Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julia E. Kobick, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S5331**

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 Kenly Kiya Kato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S5331**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5331**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5331**

Reyes, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ramon Ernesto Reyes, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S5331**

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 Julia E. Kobick, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S5331**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5331**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5331**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 287), Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti U.S. Navy. **Pages S5321–26**

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

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 286), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5326**

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 289), Gen. David W. Allvin U.S. Air Force. **Page S5327**

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

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 288), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5326**

By a unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. EX. 291), Lt. Gen. Christopher J. Mahoney Marine Corps. **Pages S5326–27**

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

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 290), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5327**

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S5331–32**

Messages from the House: **Page S5337**

Measures Referred: **Page S5337**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S5337**

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Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S5337–38**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S5340–44****Additional Statements:****Pages S5336–37****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S5344–45****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S5345****Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—291) **Pages S5326–28**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:59 p.m., until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5345.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Heinrich (Chair), Tester, Merkley, Baldwin, Manchin, Peters, Sinema, Hoeven, McConnell, Collins, Moran, Hyde-Smith, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Reed, Coons, Schatz, Manchin, Van Hollen, Merkley, Peters, Heinrich, Moran, Murkowski, Collins, Capito, Kennedy, Hagerty, Britt, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators Tester (Chair), Durbin, Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Shaheen, Murphy, Coons, Collins, McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Moran, Hoeven, Boozman, and Capito.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Murray (Interim Chair), Tester, Durbin, Shaheen, Merkley, Coons, Baldwin, Heinrich, Sinema, Kennedy, McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, and Britt.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Van Hollen (Chair), Durbin, Coons, Manchin, Heinrich, Hagerty, Boozman, Kennedy, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Murphy (Chair), Murray, Tester, Shaheen, Baldwin, Peters, Britt, Murkowski, Capito, Kennedy, and Hyde-Smith.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Merkley (Chair), Reed, Tester, Van Hollen, Heinrich, Peters, Sinema, Murkowski, McConnell, Capito, Hoeven, Fischer, and Britt.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Baldwin (Chair), Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, Murphy, Manchin, Capito, Graham, Moran, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Boozman, Britt, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Reed (Chair), Murphy, Van Hollen, Fischer, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Murray (Chair), Reed, Tester, Schatz, Baldwin, Heinrich, Manchin, Peters, Sinema, Boozman, McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Rubio, Hagerty, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Coons (Chair), Durbin, Shaheen, Merkley, Murphy, Van Hollen, Schatz, Graham, McConnell, Boozman, Moran, Rubio, and Hagerty.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Schatz (Chair), Murray, Durbin, Reed, Coons, Murphy, Manchin, Van Hollen, Sinema, Hyde-Smith, Collins, Boozman, Capito, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, and Moran.

Senators Murray and Collins are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

ENSURING FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring financial protection for servicemembers, veterans, and their families, including S. 185, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the program for direct housing loans made to Native American veterans, after receiving testimony from Cory Titus, Military Officers Association of America, and Kelly B. Hruska, National Military Family Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; and Andia Dinesen, Association of Military Banks of America, Arlington, Virginia.

CARBON CAPTURE AND AIR CAPTURE TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opportunities and challenges in deploying carbon capture utilization and sequestration and direct air capture technologies on federal and non-Federal lands, after receiving testimony from Brad Crabtree, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management; Bruno Pigott, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Lily R. Barkau, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division Groundwater Section Manager, Cheyenne; and Erin Burns, Carbon180, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, and Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of

Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Barbara Mikulski, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senator Carper, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 6171–6211; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96; and H. Res. 839–842, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 838, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4821) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4820) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6126) making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–261); and

H.R. 5734, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations (H. Rept. 118–262).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fulcher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: The House began consideration of H.R. 4821, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 3rd.

Pages H5235–41, H5241–43, H5243–97, H5306–14, H5315–59
Agreed to:

Simpson en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261: Buchanan (No. 3) that provides \$1.15 million to the Prescott Grant Program to provide for more funding into the rescue and rehabilitation of manatees and reduces funding for the DOI Office of the Secretary; Molinaro amendment (No. 4) that provides a \$2 million increase to the FWS Delaware River Basin Restoration Program and is offset by a \$2 million reduction from the DOI Office of the Secretary; Adams (No. 5) that increases and decreases funding to the United States African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Program by \$3 million and expresses support for funding at amount authorized to be appropriated; Castro (TX) (No. 6) that increases and decreases funding to the Operation of the National Parks budget to bring attention to the

need for additional funding to the San Antonio Missions for security and maintenance purposes; Lawler (No. 7) that increases and decreases funding for the National Park Service to enhance maintenance and conservation of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail; Neguse (No. 8) that increases and decreases funding for the National Park Service by \$266,124,000 to highlight the funding level requested in the President's Budget Request for the NPS and their funding needs; Norton (No. 9) that increases/decreases by \$1 million the National Park Service's operations account to direct NPS to submit a report to Congress identifying statutes and regulations that inhibit active use of urban parks in the National Park System; Garbarino (No. 10) that reduces by \$15 million and increases by \$15 million the National Recreation and Preservation account with the intent to provide \$15 million for 9/11 Memorial Act grants; Lawler amendment (No. 11) that provides a \$2 million increase to the National Recreation and Preservation Account to support NPS Heritage sites nationwide, including the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area in the Hudson River Valley and is offset by a \$2 million reduction to the DOI Office of the Secretary; Molinaro (No. 12) that provides a \$2 million increase to the National Recreation and Preservation Account to support NPS Heritage sites across the country, including the Erie Canal National Heritage Area in Upstate New York and is offset by a \$2 million reduction to the DOI Office of the Secretary; Espaillat (No. 13) that increases and decreases funding to highlight the importance of the Historic Preservation Fund, which rehabilitates important historical sites; Jackson Lee (No. 14) that increases and decreases funds for the Historic Preservation Fund by \$3,000,000 with the intent of enhancing activities for the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of nationally significant sites, artifacts, and structures through competitive grants at the local, state, and federal levels focusing on projects involving HBCUs, the Civil Rights movement, communities that are historically underrepresented, and the histories of Indigenous peoples; Barr (No. 17) that increases funding for USGS by \$5 million to implement the Biden Administration's 2021 100 Day Supply Chain Review recommendation for the Department of Interior to identify potential sites where critical minerals could be sustainably and responsibly produced and processed in the United States; Buchanan (No. 18) that provides \$2.5 million to the National Water Quality Program to bolster research into harmful algal blooms and reduces funding for the DOI Office of the Secretary; Boebert (No. 20) that takes funding from EPA bureaucracy to fund Bureau of Indian Affairs for dirt school bus routes by \$1.5 million;

Gottheimer (No. 22) that increases funding for the Holocaust Memorial Museum by \$5 million to study Holocaust education efforts in public schools nationwide; Kamlager-Dove (No. 23) that increases and decreases by \$3 million to highlight the need to conduct a Workplace Environmental Survey to measure progress and direct interventions regarding sexual harassment/assault and other toxic workplace issues at the Department of the Interior; Molinaro (No. 24) that provides a \$4 million increase for rural water technical assistance authorized under the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water System Act and is offset by a \$4 million decrease from DOI Office of the Secretary; Neguse (No. 25) that increases funding for the DOI and USFS Wildland Fire Management Accounts by \$2 million each; Norcross (No. 26) that increases and decreases funding to direct the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to conduct a study on the impacts of commercial fishing on endangered marine mammals; Plaskett (No. 27) that provides level funding for DOI assistance to territories of the United States by redirecting \$12.5 million from the Office of the Secretary general fund to territorial assistance; Neguse (No. 29) that increases and decreases by \$575 million for Department-Wide Wildland Fire Management Programs with the intent that the \$575 million will be used to maintain the 2021 pay increase for Federal Wildland Firefighters; Castro (TX) (No. 30) that increases and decreases funding for the Energy Community Revitalization Program for the purpose of bringing attention to plugging, reclaiming, and remediating orphaned wells that have created bodies of water that contain and emit dangerous amounts of hydrogen sulfide; Connolly (No. 31) that increases and decreases funding for EPA's Science and Technology account by \$1 million to highlight the need for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation to develop and document a business case for a new IT system for air quality data; Massie (No. 32) that increases and decreases funding to encourage EPA to reduce the significant backlog of pesticide registrations in the Antimicrobial Division of the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs and to be more transparent with stakeholders seeking conditional registrations; Blunt Rochester (No. 34) that increases the ensure safe water program funding of the Environmental Programs and Management account by \$3,000,000 for needs assessment completion authorized in section 50108 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and decreases the account by \$3,000,000; Boebert (No. 36) that transfers funding from EPA bureaucracy to the Holocaust Memorial Museum account; Feenstra (No. 37) that increases and decreases funding for EPA salaries to emphasize that the EPA

should not promulgate any new rules that would affect over 50% of American farmland without explicit congressional approval; Neguse (No. 40) that increases and decreases the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account by \$12 million to support funding for the EPA's Office of Noise Abatement and Control; Lawler (No. 42) that increases and decreases funding for the Hazardous Substance Superfund with the intent of further comprehensive tests of water contaminants in the Lower Hudson River; Scott (GA) (No. 43) that increases and decreases funding for the State and Tribal Assistance Grants Account by \$1 million to highlight the need for increased air quality monitoring in urban communities; Sykes (No. 44) that increases and decreases funding to highlight the funding deficiencies proposed for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds; Neguse (No. 45) that increases and decreases funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to highlight the additional funding needed to support these critical programs; Molinaro (No. 46) that increases/decreases amendment to highlight the importance of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs for assisting rural community's water systems; Moylan (No. 47) that increases share of certain grants available to insular areas; Peters (No. 48) that increases and decreases the Border Water Infrastructure Program to emphasize the need for more funding to repair and expand the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant; Dingell (No. 49) that increases and decreases the EPA's Brownfields Program funding by \$20 million to emphasize the need to continue investing in the clean up of contaminated sites; Lee (PA) (No. 50) that increases and decreases funding for lead testing at schools and child care facilities to protect children from lead in drinking water; Trahan (No. 51) that increases and decreases Sec. 221 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to emphasize the need to provide funding for combined sewer overflows; Perez (No. 52) that increases and decreases funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account to emphasize the critical importance of supporting our nation's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure; Neguse (No. 53) that increases funding to the USFS National Forest System administrative account by \$2 million to direct additional funding to the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado for the purposes of hiring additional staff for the Sulphur Ranger District; Barr (No. 54) that increases and decreases funding to highlight the importance of the Forest Service's efforts to regenerate white oak in our national forests and to increase private forest landowner outreach and education to establish white oak

forests for future generations; Neguse (No. 55) that increases and decreases funding for National Forest System by \$409,843,000 to highlight the additional funding requested in the President's Budget Request and address staff capacity issues; Panetta (No. 56) that increases and decreases funding for the U.S. Forest Service to manage and maintain firebreaks in the wildland urban interface; Yakym (No. 57) that increases and decreases the funding for the White House Council on Environmental Quality to resume reporting on National Environmental Policy Act litigation, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) page counts, and average EIS timelines; Moore (UT) (No. 69) that provides \$5 million to continue scientific monitoring and assessments to establish effective management and conservation efforts to save saline lakes such as the Great Salt Lake; and Moore (UT) (No. 105) that increases and decreases Departmental Operations funding by \$11 million to enhance outdoor recreation access and digitize easement, road, trail, and vehicle data as authorized by the MAPLand Act;

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Perry amendment (No. 19 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that reduces funding for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management by \$28 million for the purpose of eliminating funding for the Office of Renewable Energy Programs;

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Clyde amendment (No. 21 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that transfers the \$15,000 reception/representation allowance for the Secretary of the Interior to the spending reduction account;

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Boebert amendment (No. 28 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that transfers \$5,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to hazardous fuels reduction activities within the Bureau of Land Management;

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Boebert amendment (No. 35 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that transfers \$5 million from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund active forest management at U.S. Forest Service;

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McCormick amendment (No. 39 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that reduces funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Programs and Management account by \$17 million and increase funding by \$10 million for the agency's inspector general;

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Westerman amendment (No. 58 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that reduces funding for the operation of the Council on Environmental Quality by \$2,750,000 to its currently authorized level of \$1,000,000;

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Rouzer amendment (No. 62 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that revises language regarding borrow sites for coastal storm risk management

projects within the Coastal Barrier Resources Act system; **Pages H5283–83**

Nehls amendment (No. 63 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds made available by this Act for the National Park Service to place any limitation on the number of air tours at national parks; **Page H5284**

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 64 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of funds under this act to issue new major rules if OMB determines that the rule will have a significant negative effect on the economy, increase inflation, or adversely impact American international competitiveness; **Pages H5284–85**

Hageman amendment (No. 65 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the finalization, enforcement, administration, and implementation of the Rock Springs draft Resource Management Plan Revision from the Bureau of Land Management, which severely restricts grazing, mining, recreation, and other activities on 3.6 million acres in Wyoming; **Pages H5285–87**

LaMalfa (No. 67 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits any funds made available by this Act from being used establish or modify any national monuments under the Antiquities Act within Colusa County, California; **Pages H5287–88**

Malliotakis (No. 68 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding to provide housing to migrants in Gateway National Park; **Pages H5288–90**

Arrington (No. 71 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to list the Salina Mucket or the Mexican Fawnsfoot species of mussels found in the Rio Grande River as endangered or their habitat as critical; **Pages H5290–91**

Bentz (No. 72 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of any federal funds to create National monuments in Malheur County, Oregon under the Antiquities Act; **Pages H5291–92**

Boebert (No. 75 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the Director of the Bureau of Land Management from taking any action to finalize, implement, or enforce a draft resource management plan and draft supplemental environmental impact statement to end new oil leases on 1.6M acres in Colorado; **Pages H5294–95**

Boebert (No. 76 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the Director of the Bureau of Land Management from taking any action to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule on Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process; **Page H5295**

Boebert (No. 77 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding for the Bicycle Subsidy Benefit Program of the Department of the Interior; **Pages H5295–96**

Boebert (No. 74 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, from taking any action to finalize, implement, or enforce the Biden Administration Proposed ESA rules by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 575); **Pages H5293–94, H5312**

Burlison amendment (No. 79 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits fund to enforce the final rule of the Environmental Protection Agency titled “Endangerment and Cause of Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases Under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act”; **Pages H5315–16**

Burlison amendment (No. 80 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding for Executive Order 14057: Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability; **Pages H5316–17**

Cammack amendment (No. 81 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize any rule or regulation that has resulted in or is likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; **Pages H5317–18**

Clyde amendment (No. 82 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds for the cancellation or suspension of oil and gas leases in the ANWR or the NPR–A; **Page H5318**

Clyde amendment (No. 83 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds to the Bureau of Land Management’s proposed rule regarding the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; **Pages H5318–19**

Collins amendment (No. 84 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s vessel speed limiter rule; **Pages H5319–20**

Fallon amendment (No. 87 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act from being used to reduce the number of oil and gas leases issued by the Secretary of the Interior; **Pages H5321–22**

Fallon amendment (No. 88 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of federal funds for community-scale ambient air monitoring; **Pages H5322–23**

Gaetz amendment (No. 90 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize or implement a Commercial Services Strategy for the Crab Island Area of the Gulf Islands National Seashore; **Pages H5323–24**

Gosar amendment (No. 92 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds to implement, administer, or enforce Presidential Proclamation 10606 of August 8, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 55331, relating to the establishment of Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni-Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument); **Page H5325**

Graves (LA) (No. 93 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding for BOEM & BSEE to implement NMFS stay agreement with Sierra Club expanding Rice's whale critical habitat; **Pages H5325–26**

Grothman amendment (No. 96 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds to develop, finalize, issue, or use assessments under EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) **Pages H5327–28**

Hageman amendment (No. 97 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prevents any funding from being made available to finalize or implement the CEQ guidance entitled "National Environmental Policy Act Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change"; **Pages H5328–29**

Hageman amendment (No. 98 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the implementation and enforcement of the EPA's final rule entitled "Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule"; **Pages H5329–30**

Jackson (TX) amendment (No. 99 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding to implement the proposed "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Texas Kangaroo Rat and Designation of Critical Habitat" rule by the Fish and Wildlife Service; **Pages H5330–31**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 100 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits any funds made available by this Act from being used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the draft Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for public lands managed by the Redding and Arcata field offices; **Pages H5331–32**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 104 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prevents funds from being used for the Environmental Protection Agency "Solar for All" grant competition; **Pages H5334–35**

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Norman amendment (No. 111 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding for the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases; **Page H5338**

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Ogles amendment (No. 117 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used by the Environmental Protection Agency for the U.S. Global Change Research Program; **Pages H5342–43**

Ogles amendment (No. 118 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act from enforcing any COVID–19 mask mandates; **Page H5343**

Fulcher amendment (No. 89 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that restricts funds to implement Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 ((86 Fed. Reg. 7627), relating to tackling the climate crisis at home and abroad) (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 581); **Pages H5323, H5345–46**

Gosar amendment (No. 91 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funding to be used to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule by the EPA titled "Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter" (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 582); **Pages H5324, H5346**

McCormick amendment (No. 102 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from implementing certain Executive Orders relating to environmental justice (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 585); **Pages H5333–34, H5348**

Ogles amendment (No. 119 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds for the Environmental Financial Advisory Board of the Environmental Protection Agency; **Pages H5353–54**

Owens amendment (No. 121 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce any recommendation of the Interagency Working Group on Mining Regulations, Laws, and Permitting of the Department of the Interior; **Pages H5354–55**

Palmer amendment (No. 122 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the EPA from using funds to arm agents as part of the agency's criminal enforcement division; **Pages H5355–56**

Perry amendment (No. 123 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of funds to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or

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Posey amendment (No. 124 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that reduces the EPA-Environmental Programs and Management account for the Office of Air and Radiation by 50 percent; and

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Rose amendment (No. 125 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out any plastic straw prohibitions.

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Griffith amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to decrease the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro program funds by \$74.232 million to Fiscal Year 2019 levels;

Pages H5271–72

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 16 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to strike section 447, which prohibits funds from being used to consider the social cost of carbon;

Pages H5275–76

Hageman amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce BLM funding by 50% (by a recorded vote of 144 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 567);

Pages H5272–74, H5306–07

Collins amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to transfer the Council on Environmental Quality's funding to the National Parks Service for construction activities (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 568);

Pages H5274–75, H5307–08

Perry amendment (No. 59 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to strike funding for the Council on Environmental Quality (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 569);

Pages H5280–81, H5308

Perry amendment (No. 60 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to strike funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 570);

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Perry amendment (No. 61 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to strike funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 571);

Pages H5282–83, H5309–10

Harshbarger amendment (No. 66 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit funds to the United States Board on Geographic Names (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 572);

Pages H5287, H5310

Perry amendment (No. 70 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for EPA to take backstop actions related to the

Chesapeake Bay TMDL (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 573);

Pages H5290, H5310–11

Boebert amendment (No. 73 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of Elizabeth Klein, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 574);

Pages H5292–93, H5311–12

Burgess amendment (No. 78 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit funds made available by this Act from being used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to hire or pay the salary of any officer or employee of the Environmental Protection Agency under subsection (f) or (g) of section 207 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 209) who is not already receiving pay under either such subsection on the date of enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 576);

Pages H5296–97, H5312–13

Crane amendment (No. 85 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of CEQ Chair Brenda Mallory to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 579);

Pages H5320, H5343–44

Crane amendment (No. 86 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit funding for Public Land Order No. 7923, relating to public lands withdrawal surrounding Chaco Culture National Historical Park boundary (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 580);

Pages H5320–21, H5344–45

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 94 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to remove any monument on land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 583);

Pages H5326–27, H5346–47

McCormick amendment (No. 101 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of Matthew Tejada, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 584);

Pages H5332–33, H5347

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 103 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of Ya-Wei (Jake) Li, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pesticide Programs to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 586);

Pages H5334, H5348–49

Nehls amendment (No. 107 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibits funds for the EPA's Clean School Bus Program (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 587);

Pages H5335–36, H5349

Norman amendment (No. 110 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit funding for Department of the Interior’s Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 588);

Pages H5337–38, H5349–50

Norman amendment (No. 112 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of Tracy Stone-Manning, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 589);

Pages H5338–39, H5350–51

Norman amendment (No. 113 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of Michael Regan, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 590);

Pages H5339–40, H5351

Norman amendment (No. 115 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce the salary of Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 591); and

Pages H5340–41, H5351–52

Ogles amendment (No. 116 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to prohibit funds to be used for the Antiquities Act of 1906 (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 592).

Pages H5341–42, H5352–53

Proceedings Postponed:

Ogles amendment (No. 120 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that seeks to prohibit funds to carry out the provisions of section 50262 of Public Law 117–169 (Inflation Reduction Act).

Pages H5353–54

H. Res. 838, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821), (H.R. 4820), and (H.R. 6126) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 566, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 565.

Pages H5241–43

Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 6126, making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 577.

Pages H5297–H5306, H5313–14

H. Res. 838, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821), (H.R. 4820), and (H.R. 6126) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 566, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 565.

Pages H5241–43

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure. Consideration began Wednesday, November 1st:

Condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education: H. Res. 798, amended, a resolution condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 578.

Pages H5314–15

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff, condemning anti-semitism on college campuses, and supporting the right of Jewish students to exercise their First Amendment rights.”

Pages H5314–15

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 25 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5241–42, H5242–43, H5306–07, H5307–08, H5308, H5308–09, H5309–10, H5310, H5310–11, H5311–12, H5312, H5312–13, H5313–14, H5314–15, H5344, H5344–45, H5345–46, H5346, H5346–47, H5347, H5348, H5348–49, H5349, H5350, H5350–51, H5351, H5352, and H5352–53.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a markup on legislation to establish a supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes; legislation on the Speculative Ticketing Ban; legislation on the No Hidden Fees on Extra Expenses for Stays Act; H.R. 5390, the “Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act”; H.R. 5398, the “Advancing Tech Startups Act”; H.R. 5146, the “Advancing Gig Economy Act”; H.R. 3950, the “Transparency In Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act”; H.R. 6125, the “Online Dating Safety Act of 2023”; H.R. 2964, the “Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety Act”; H.R. 5556, the “Reinforcing American-Made Products Act”; H.R. 6132, the “Awning Safety Act of 2023”; H.R. 4310, the “Youth Poisoning Protection Act”; H.R. 4814, the “Consumer Safety Technology Act”; H.R. 906,

the “Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act”; H.R. 5202, the “Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Reauthorization Act”; and H.R. 1797, the “Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act”. Legislation to establish a supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, legislation on the Speculative Ticketing Ban, legislation on the No Hidden Fees on Extra Expenses for Stays Act, H.R. 5390, H.R. 5398, H.R. 5146, H.R. 3950, H.R. 6125, H.R. 2964, H.R. 5556, H.R. 6132, H.R. 4310, H.R. 4814, and H.R. 906 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 5202, and H.R. 1797 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

EXAMINING THE SEC’S AGENDA: UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES FOR U.S. CAPITAL MARKETS AND INVESTORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda: Unintended Consequences for U.S. Capital Markets and Investors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FACTORS INFLUENCING THE HIGH COST OF INSURANCE FOR CONSUMERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Factors Influencing the High Cost of Insurance for Consumers”. Testimony was heard from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2601, the “National Human Trafficking Hotline Enhancement Act”; H.R. 5430, the “Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act of 2023”; H.R. 5404, the “Countering Chinese Espionage Reporting Act”; and H.R. 3315, the “National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act of 2023”. H.R. 2601, and H.R. 5404 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5430 and H.R. 3315 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hill, Kilmer, Baird, LaLota, Ezell, Nunn of Iowa, Kim of California, Johnson of South Dakota, D’Esposito, Carter of Georgia, and Rosendale.

TRUST IN TRANSPARENCY: HOLDING VA ACCOUNTABLE AND PROTECTING WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Trust in Transparency: Holding VA Accountable and Protecting Whistleblowers”. Testimony was heard from Bruce P. Gipe, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eric Calhoun, Director, Investigations Division, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ted Radway, Executive Director, Investigations, and Acting Executive Director, Compliance and Oversight Directorate, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; Emilee Collier, Chief, Investigation and Prosecution Division, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; Thomas Costa, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a 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, to amend title, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5956, the “G.I. Bill Improvement Act of 2023”; 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. Testimony was heard from Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, Education Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; Margarita

Devlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5863, the “Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023”; H.R. 5862, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 relating to authority of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to consolidate, modify, or reorganize Customs revenue functions; H.R. 1568, the “Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act”; H.R. 5861, the “BRIDGE for Workers Act”; and H.R. 6068, the “Clergy Act”. H.R. 5863, H.R. 5862, H.R. 1568, H.R. 5861, and H.R. 6068 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 11 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, November 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 4821—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024.

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