

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6363, Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5515–S5579

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3304–3343, S.J. Res. 51, and S. Res. 464–471. **Pages S5540–41**

Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act: By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 312), Senate passed H.R. 6363, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 311), Paul Amendment No. 1366, to reduce continuing funding by 15 percent, except for the Department of Defense, military construction, and the Department of Veterans Affairs and to rescind \$30,000,000,000 from enforcement funds provided to the Internal Revenue Service. **Page S5528**

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

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 17, 2023.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S5527**

Armenian Protection Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration

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of S. 3000, to repeal Freedom Support Act section 907 waiver authority with respect to assistance to Azerbaijan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Peters Amendment No. 1367, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5532**

Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act: Senate passed S. 106, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 1368, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5554**

GAO Inspector General Parity Act: Senate passed S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5558**

Schumer (for Braun) Amendment No. 1369, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5558**

Drive Safer Sunday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, designating November 26, 2023, as “Drive Safer Sunday”. **Page S5558**

Congratulating the Las Vegas Aces: Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, commending and congratulating the Las Vegas Aces basketball team on winning the 2023 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship. **Page S5558**

National Rural Health Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 470, designating November 16th, 2023, as “National Rural Health Day”. **Page S5558**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national

awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Page S5558**

Measures Failed:

Student Loan CRA: By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 310), Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 43, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S5526–27**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024: Senate began consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following motions to instruct conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill to be instructed to insist on the inclusion in the final conference report the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S5529–31**

Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 313), motion to insist on the amendment of the Senate to the bill, agree to the request for conference with the House, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Pages S5529–30**

Reed (for Klobuchar) motion to instruct conferees to insist that the final conference report include provisions to provide stability and support, including a pathway to permanent residency, for eligible Afghan individuals in the United States, provided that such stability and support does not endanger United States citizens or the national security of the United States, and to provide additional support for certain at-risk Afghan allies abroad, provided that such support would not negatively impact the safety and security of Afghans who were employed by or on behalf of the United States. **Page S5530**

Reed (for Hickenlooper/Bennet) motion to instruct conferees to insist upon a provision that prohibits any limitation on the use by the United States Space Command of funds for military construction. **Page S5530**

Wicker (for Blackburn) motion to instruct conferees to insist that the final conference report in-

clude a provision to prohibit any action by the United States Government to release funds or assets to Iran pursuant to the document entitled “Waiver of Sanctions with respect to the Transfer of Funds from the Republic of Korea to Qatar” and transmitted to Congress on September 11, 2023. **Page S5530**

Wicker (for Lankford) motion to instruct conferees to increase defense cooperation with Israel in order to reaffirm its right to defend itself against state and non-state actors who seek to undermine Israel’s sovereignty. **Page S5530**

Lummis motion to instruct conferees to insist that the final conference report include subtitle J of title X of division A of Senate Bill 2226, 118th Congress, passed July 27, 2023. **Pages S5530–31**

Wicker (for Cramer) motion to instruct conferees to insist upon maintaining the provisions of H.R. 2670 that support the critical development of the future airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capability of the Air Force. **Page S5531**

Wicker (for Moran) motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1049 of the Senate amendment (relating to access to commissary and exchange privileges for remarried spouses). **Page S5531**

Wicker (for Ernst) motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the inclusion title XI of S. 2226, as passed by the Senate on July 27, 2023 (relating to an authorization for the Secretary of State to engage compact of free association countries on identifying or developing national security councils and advising and providing assistance for developing such councils). **Page S5531**

Wicker (for Hagerty) motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1880 of H.R. 2670 (relating to a prohibition on contracting with certain biotechnology providers). **Page S5531**

Wicker (for Braun/Manchin) motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 902 of the Senate amendment (relating to reinstatement of position of Chief Management Officer of Department of Defense), which includes planning and processes, business transformations, and performance measurement and management activities across the Armed Forces, combatant commands, and other components of the Department of Defense to address the backsliding of fiscal responsibility within the Department and appoint a dedicated leader in a senior position within the Department whose mission it is to be a good steward of Federal resources. **Page S5531**

Reed (for Manchin) motion to instruct conferees to insist that the final conference report include the

provision in the concurrent resolution as agreed to by the Senate that directs the Secretary of Energy to establish a nuclear fuel program with the purpose of onshoring uranium conversion and enrichment capacity to ensure a disruption in Russian supply would not impact the development of advanced reactors or the currently operating fleet. **Page S5531**

Rejected:

Wicker (for Rubio) motion to instruct conferees to insist that the final conference report include the provisions to enforce section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(VII) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i)(VII)) to revoke visas and initiate deportation proceedings for any foreign national who has endorsed or espoused the terrorist activities of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, or any another foreign terrorist organization (as designated under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) that has participated in terrorist attacks against Israel and United States citizens before, on, or after October 7, 2023. **Page S5530**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Reed, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Hirono, Kaine, King, Warren, Peters, Manchin, Duckworth, Rosen, Kelly, Wicker, Fischer, Cotton, Rounds, Ernst, Sullivan, Cramer, Scott (FL), Tuberville, Mullin, Budd, and Schmitt. **Page S5531**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 17, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.; Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 10 a.m.; and Friday, November 24, 2023, at 11 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 24, 2023, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, November 27, 2023. **Page S5558**

Bryan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Page S5533**

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 16, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023. **Page S5533**

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 S5533**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 27, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that the cloture motions filed on Thursday, November 16, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5558**

Garnett Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Margaret M. Garnett, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S5533**

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 Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Page S5533**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5533**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5533**

Rodriguez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S5533**

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 Margaret M. Garnett, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S5533**

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Roger F. Nyhus, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. **Pages S5533–34**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Kirk Edward Sherriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Page S5579**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—313)	Page S5527, S5528, S5529, S5530

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:43 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 2023, until 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5558.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INDUSTRIAL DECARBONIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities in industrial decarbonization, focusing on delivering benefits for the economy and the climate, after receiving testimony from Leah Ellis, Sublime Systems, Somerville, Massachusetts; and Abigail Regitsky, Breakthrough Energy, and Shannon Angielski, Clean Hydrogen Future Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States leadership on artificial intelligence in an era of strategic competition, after receiving testimony from Nathaniel Fick, Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, and Matthew Graviss, Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1898, to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2088, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sara E. Hill, and John David Russell, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, who were introduced by Senator Lankford, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, who was introduced by Representative Sablan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veteran entrepreneurship, focusing on from service to small business success, including S. 38, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, S. 2184, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Women’s Business Center Program, and S. 1469, to require certification of small business concerns as small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans in order to be counted toward goals for contract awards, after receiving testimony from Colonel Timothy Green, USAF (Ret.), Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration; J. Michael Haynie, Syracuse University D’Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse, New York; Lisa Shimkat, America’s SBDC Iowa, Ames; Major Chris Guerrette, USAF (Ret.), Lickee’s and Chewy’s Candies and Creamery, Dover, New Hampshire; and Dustin Rhoades, Ability Tech, Sioux City, Iowa.

VA’S FOURTH MISSION: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the VA’s Fourth Mission, focusing on supporting our nation’s emergency preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Bobby Small, Jr., Acting Executive Director for Emergency Management and Resilience, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, and Michelle Dorsey,

Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health Operations, and Derrick Jaastad, Executive Director, Office of Emergency Management, both of the Veteran Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and John M. Balbus, Office of Climate Change and Health Equity Director, Department of Health and Human Services.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6416–6442; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 871–873, introduced. **Pages H5891–93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5894–95**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative De La Cruz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5859**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 871, electing a member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5861**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. **Page H5868**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 and No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) to freeze certain Iranian funds involved in the 2023 hostage deal between the United States and Iran, by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 660, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 659. **Pages H5861–68**

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024: The House considered H.R. 5894, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. **Page H5869**

Agreed to:

Hern amendment (No. 111 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that ensures the Department of Health and

Human Services implements consumer protections passed in the surprise billing law that provides patients with an advanced cost estimate for their healthcare services (by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 666); **Page H5873**

Lawler amendment (No. 114 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that prohibits funding under this Act from going toward colleges and universities that authorize, facilitate, provide funding for, or otherwise support any event promoting anti-semitism on campus (by a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 54 noes, Roll No. 669); and **Page H5875**

Miller-Meeks amendment (No. 123 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that prohibits funding for CDC's firearm injury and mortality prevention research (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 674). **Pages H5878–79**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 78 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce funding for the National Labor Relations Board by \$100 million (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 661); **Pages H5869–70**

Biggs amendment (No. 86 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay for the salary and expenses of ORR Director Robin Dunn Marcos (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 662); **Pages H5870–71**

Crane amendment (No. 92 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce federal education funding by \$37,735,000 (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 663); **Page H5871**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 103 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, to \$1 (by

a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 254 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 664); **Pages H5871–72**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 104 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 260 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 665); **Pages H5872–73**

Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 112 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Christopher Williamson, Assistant Secretary of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 280 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 667); **Pages H5873–74**

Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 113 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of William O’Dell, District Manager in Dallas, Texas, of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 144 ayes to 279 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 668); **Pages H5874–75**

McCormick amendment (No. 117 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Xavier Becerra, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 262 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 670); **Pages H5875–76**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 118 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 268 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 671); **Pages H5876–77**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 119 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Douglas L. Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 270 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 672); **Page H5877**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 121 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to prohibit funds to Office of Population Affairs (by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 673); and **Pages H5877–78**

Rosendale amendment (No. 134 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Vincent Munster, Chief, Virus Ecology Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 268 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 675). **Page H5879**

H. Res. 864, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) was agreed to yesterday, November 14th.

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Wednesday, November 15, 2023, through Monday, November 27, 2023, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H5880**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and sixteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5868, H5868–69, H5869–70, H5870–71, H5871, H5871–72, H5872–73, H5873, H5873–74, H5874–75, H5875, H5875–76, H5876–77, H5877, H5877–78, H5878–79 and H5879.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STRATEGIC POSTURE OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States”. Testimony was heard from Madelyn R. Creedon, Chair, Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States; and Jon L. Kyl, Vice Chair, Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 5372, the “Expanding Seniors’ Access to Lower Cost Medicines Act of 2023”; H.R. 2880, the “Protecting Patients Against PBM Abuses Act”; H.R. 5393, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure fair assessment of pharmacy performance and quality under Medicare part D, and for other purposes; H.R. 5385, the “Medicare PBM Accountability Act”; H.R. 5386, the “Cutting Copays Act”; H.R. 4881, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit cost sharing for drugs under the Medicare program; H.R. 5389, the “National Coverage Determination Transparency Act”; H.R. 133, the “Mandating Exclusive Review of Individual Treatments Act”; H.R. 5396, the “Coverage Determination Clarity Act of 2023”; H.R. 5371, the “Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2023”; H.R. 5388, the “Supporting Innovation for Seniors Act”; H.R. 5380, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase data transparency for supplemental benefits under Medicare Advantage; H.R. 3842, the “Expanding Access to

Diabetes Self-Management Training Act of 2023”; H.R. 5397, the “Joe Fiandra Access to Home Infusion Act of 2023”; H.R. 6366, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the work geographic index for physician payments under the Medicare program, and to revise the phase-in of clinical laboratory test payment changes under such program; H.R. 6369, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend incentive payments for participation in eligible alternative payment models; H.R. 5555, the “DMEPOS Relief Act of 2023”; H.R. 6371, the “Provider Reimbursement Stability Act of 2023”; H.R. 6364, the “Medicare Telehealth Privacy Act of 2023”; H.R. 1352, the “Increasing Access to Biosimilars Act of 2023”; H.R. 1691, the “Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act of 2023”; H.R. 5380, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase data transparency for supplemental benefits under Medicare Advantage; H.R. 6369, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend incentive payments for participation in eligible alternative payment models; and H.R. 6364, the “Medicare Telehealth Privacy Act of 2023”. H.R. 5372, H.R. 2880, H.R. 5393, H.R. 5385, H.R. 5386, H.R. 4881, H.R. 5396, H.R. 5371, H.R. 5388, H.R. 5380, H.R. 6366, H.R. 6369, H.R. 5555, H.R. 6371, H.R. 6364, H.R. 1352, and H.R. 1691 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 5389, H.R. 133, H.R. 3842, and H.R. 5397 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF THE PRUDENTIAL REGULATORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Prudential Regulators”. Testimony was heard from Michael Barr, Vice Chairman for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Martin Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Todd Harper, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and Michael Hsu, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

CRYPTO CRIME IN CONTEXT: BREAKING DOWN THE ILLICIT ACTIVITY IN DIGITAL ASSETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Crypto Crime in Context: Breaking Down the Illicit Activity in Digital Assets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF NAGORNO-KARABAKH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing entitled “The Future of Nagorno-

Karabakh”. Testimony was heard from James O’Brien, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Alexander Sokolowski, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

WORLDWIDE THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Christine Abizaid, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 524, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to create an exemption for certain shoreline borrow sites; H.R. 1727, the “Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension Act”; H.R. 2437, to revise the boundaries of a unit of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Topsail, North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 2882, the “Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 4094, the “Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act”; H.R. 5509, the “Electronic Permitting Modernization Act”; and H.R. 6070, to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the authority of Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at the Nevada test and training range, and for other purposes. H.R. 2437, H.R. 524, H.R. 1727, H.R. 2882, H.R. 5509, and H.R. 6070 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4094 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 6213, the “National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act”; and H.R. 6131, the “Commercial Space Act of 2023”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3209, the “I-27 Numbering Act of 2023”; H.R. 5903, to authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes; H.R. 1586, the “Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023”; H.R. 5473, the “Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2023”; H.R. 6277, the “FASTA Reform Act of

2023”; H.R. 6261, the “Impact of Crime on Public Buildings Usage Act of 2023”; H.R. 6241, the “Federal Use it or Lose it Leases Act”; H.R. 6249, the “Think Differently About Emergencies Act”; H.R. 6254, the “Public Buildings Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 5754, to designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”; H.R. 6316, to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish an expiration date of certain committee resolutions with respect to leases or projects, and for other purposes; H.R. 6317, to require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to submit a report describing a process for seeking public comment about proposed changes to mandatory design standards for public buildings, and for other purposes; H.R. 6260, the “Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act”; H.R. 6278, the “Maximizing Office Value and Efficiency Act of 2023”; and H.R. 6276, the “Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023”. H.R. 3209, H.R. 5903, H.R. 1586, H.R. 5473, and H.R. 626 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6277, H.R. 6261, H.R. 6241, H.R. 6249, H.R. 6254, H.R. 5754, H.R. 6316, H.R. 6317 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup 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. 5785, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements of the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship; 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 H.R. 6193, 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. H.R. 522, H.R. 3601, H.R. 3738, H.R. 5914, H.R. 5956, H.R. 2830, and H.R. 6193 were

forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3722 and H.R. 5785 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION DEEP DIVE: SYSTEM UPTIME

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record Modernization Deep Dive: System Uptime”. Testimony was heard from Kurt DelBene, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Bill Tinston, Director, Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization Office, Department of Defense.

FROM IVORY TOWERS TO DARK CORNERS: INVESTIGATING THE NEXUS BETWEEN ANTISEMITISM, TAX-EXEMPT UNIVERSITIES, AND TERROR FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From Ivory Towers to Dark Corners: Investigating the Nexus Between Antisemitism, Tax-Exempt Universities, and Terror Financing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGING AMERICANS AND A WANING WORKFORCE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aging Americans and a waning workforce, focusing on demographic drivers of our deficit, after receiving testimony from Julie Topoleski, Director, Labor, Income Security, and Long-Term Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; and John Scott, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Ben Harris, Brookings Institution Retirement Security Project, and Kathryn Edwards, Independent Economic Policy Consultant, all of Washington, D.C.

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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

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9 a.m., Friday, November 17

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Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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