

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5587–S5618*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3344–3348, and S. Res. 472–475. **Pages S5597–98**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–112)

S. 910, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act. (S. Rept. No. 118–113) **Page S5597**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Principals Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 473, designating October 2023 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S5600**

**American Diabetes Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 474, designating November 2023 as American Diabetes Month. **Pages S5600–01**

**Honoring the Life of Coach Robert Montgomery “Bobby” Knight:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 475, honoring the life and legacy of Coach Robert Montgomery “Bobby” Knight. **Page S5601**

**Bryan Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S5589–92**

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

By 47 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 314), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5595**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 28, 2023; that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Margaret M. Garnett, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m. **Pages S5617–18**

**Smith Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Micah W.J. Smith, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii. **Page S5592**

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 Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S5592**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5592**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5592**

**Semper Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jamel Semper, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S5592**

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**Park Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii. **Page S5592**

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 Jamel Semper, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S5592**

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**Ramirez Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Irma Carrillo Ramirez, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S5593**

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 Shanlyn A.S. Park, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii. **Page S5593**

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Sherri Malloy Beatty-Arthur, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Erin Camille Johnston, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Ray D. McKenzie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Amy M. Baggio, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Adeel Abdullah Mangi, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

**Page S5618**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Jennifer L. Fain, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation., which was sent to the Senate on September 19, 2023, from

the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S5618**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5597**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5596–97**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—314) **Page S5595**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5618.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Thursday, November 16, 2023, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey Prescott, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Booker, Charlie Crist, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, Sean Patrick Maloney, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Cardell Kenneth Richardson, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Nicole Champagne, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and Joann M. Lockard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### AI AND MODERN SCAMS

*Special Committee on Aging:* On Thursday, November 16, 2023, Committee concluded a hearing to examine modern scams, focusing on how scammers are using artificial intelligence and how we can fight back, after receiving testimony from Tom Romanoff, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Steve

Weisman, Bentley University, Waltham, Massachusetts; Tahir Ekin, Texas State University McCoy Col-

lege of Business, San Marcos; and Gary Schildhorn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1168)

H.R. 6363, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024. Signed on November 17, 2023. (Public Law 118–22)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the gun violence epidemic, 10 a.m., SH–216.

#### House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5283, the “Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023”; H.R. 5961, the “No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act”; and S.J. Res. 32, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 28 through December 1,  
2023

#### Senate Chamber

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During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* November 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Basil Ivanhoe Gooden, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and Summer K. Mersinger, of South Dakota, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 30, to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10:15 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 30, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges associated with advanced nuclear reactor commercialization, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 29, to hold hearings to examine the Water Resources Development Act of 2024, focusing on stakeholder feedback on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project partnership agreements, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance*: November 28, business meeting to consider the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: November 29, to receive a closed briefing on the US-PRC relationship after APEC, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: November 29, to hold hearings to examine the security of Federal facilities, 10 a.m., SD-562.

November 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: November 28, to hold hearings to examine the gun violence epidemic, 10 a.m., SH-216.

November 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an authorization for subpoenas relating to the Supreme Court ethics investigation, and the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, 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, Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Sara E. Hill, and John David Russell, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: November 29, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on the Budget*, November 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Need for a Fiscal Commission Reviewing H.R. 710, H.R. 5779, and S. 3262", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, November 29, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Bad for Business: DOL's Proposed Overtime Rule", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Safeguarding Workers' Rights and Liberties", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

December 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 9:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, November 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Understanding

How AI is Changing Health Care", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

November 29, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled "America Leads the Way: Our History as the Global Leader at Reducing Emissions", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Unmasking Challenges CDC Faces in Rebuilding Public Trust Amid Respiratory Illness Season", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Oversight of President Biden's Broadband Takeover", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, November 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 29, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6349, to prohibit or require notification with respect to certain activities of United States persons involving countries of concern, and for other purposes; H.R. 533, to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act; H.R. 2766, to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and safeguard their distinct identity, and for other purposes; H.R. 5375, to require a strategy for bolstering engagement and cooperation between the United States, Australia, India, and Japan and to seek to establish a Quad Intra-Parliamentary Working Group to facilitate closer cooperation on shared interests and values; H.R. 1103, to require the President to remove the extension of certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices if Hong Kong no longer enjoys a high degree of autonomy from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5532, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to North Korea's support for Russia's illegal war in Ukraine, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

November 30, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing entitled "Ethiopia: Promise or Perils, The State of U.S. Policy", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

November 30, Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Part 2—The Martyrdom of Bishop Alvarez: Nicaragua's Prisoner of Conscience", 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

November 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The U.S. Border Crisis and the American Solution to an International Problem", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, November 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The High North: How U.S. Arctic Strategy Impacts Homeland Security", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, November 30, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4460, the "NO VOTE for Non-Citizens Act"; H.R. 4396, the "American Confidence in Elections: District of Columbia Citizen Voter Act"; H.R. 4316, the "Citizen Ballot Protection Act";

H.R. 3162, the “Protecting American Voters Act”; H.R. 3229, the “Stop Foreign Funds in Elections Act”; H.R. 4474, the “Confirmation of Congressional Observer Access Act of 2023”; and H.R. 4555, the “Federal Election Audit Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 30, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Responsiveness and Accountability to Oversight, hearing entitled “Hearing on Compliance with Committee Oversight”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, November 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 6285, the “Alaska’s Right to Produce Act of 2023”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 30, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on legislation on the EXPLORE Act, 10 a.m., 1325 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, November 29, Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Agencies’ Post-Pandemic Telework Policies: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 29, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “Safeguarding the Federal Software Supply Chain”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Digging Deeper: Ensuring Safety and Security in the Critical Mineral Supply Chain”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, November 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Role of Federal Research in Establishing a Robust U.S. Supply Chain of Critical Minerals and Materials”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled “Missing the Target: CEQ’s Meritless Selection of SBTi”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 29, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Getting on the Right Track: Navigating the Future of Intercity Passenger Rail in America”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Turbulence Ahead: Consequences of Delaying a Long-Term FAA Bill”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, November 29, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 1753, the “Jax Act”; H.R. 3790, the “Justice for ALS Veterans Act of 2023”; H.R. 4016, the “Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act”; H.R. 4190, the “Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act”; H.R. 4306, the “Michael Lecik Military Firefighters Protection Act”; H.R. 5559, “Protecting Veterans Claim Options Act”; H.R. 5891, “Veteran Appeals Decision Clarity Act”; H.R. 5870, “Veteran Appeals Transparency Act of 2023”; H.R. 5890, the “Review Every Veterans Claim Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5938, the “Veterans Exam Expansion Act of 2023”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

November 29, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining the VA Appeals Process: Ensuring High Quality Decision-Making for Veterans’ Claims on Appeal”, 11 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 29, Subcommittee on Work and Welfare; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Strengthening the Child Support Enforcement Program for States and Tribes”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meeting

*Conference*: November 29, meeting of conferees on 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, November 28

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*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Margaret M. Garnett until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.



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