

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5969–S6012

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3514–3553, and S. Res. 503–510. **Pages S5995–97**

Measures Passed:

Military Personnel Confirmation Restoration Act: Senate passed S. 3553, to provide a retroactive effective date for the promotion of senior officers of the Armed Forces whose military promotions were delayed as a result of the suspension of Senate confirmation of such promotions. **Page S5989**

Revising Existing Procedures On Reporting via Technology Act: Senate passed S. 474, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, after withdrawing the committee reported amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6006–08**

Schumer (for Blackburn/Ossoff) Amendment No. 1377, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6004**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Land Claim Settlement Act: Senate passed S. 195, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854. **Pages S6008–09**

National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 3315, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. **Page S6009**

Building Chips in America Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from

further consideration of S. 2228, to amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 to clarify the scope of a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to certain projects relating to the production of semiconductors, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Kelly) Amendment No. 1378, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6004**

Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 62, providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 63, providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 64, providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act: Senate passed S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation.

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Texas Christian University 150th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 453, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Texas Christian University, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Ataxia Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 507, designating September 25, 2023, as “National Ataxia Awareness Day”, and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure. **Page S6011**

Interscholastic Athletic Administrators’ Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 508, recognizing Interscholastic Athletic Administrators’ Day on December 14, 2023. **Page S6011**

First Commemoration of the Anti-LGBTQ+ Attack at Club Q: Senate agreed to S. Res. 509, recognizing the first commemoration of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. **Page S6011**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the re-appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Randall Schriver of Virginia and Aaron Friedberg of New Jersey. **Page S6006**

Fonzone and O’Malley Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. **Page S6011**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2023, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Martin O’Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Martin O’Malley, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6011**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 66 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 345), Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Pages S5970–86**

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

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 344), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5976**

By 64 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 346), Brandon S. Long, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Pages S5986–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Page S5986**

Lisa A. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Todd Gloria, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

17 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

6 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S6011**

Messages from the House: **Page S5995**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5994–95**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6004–06**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6006**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—346) **Pages S5976, S5986–87**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6011.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 594, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 636, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, with amendments;

S. 1118, to establish the Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Data Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1254, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, with an amendment;

S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, with amendments;

S. 1662, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Midvale Irrigation District the Pilot Butte Power Plant in the State of Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1776, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment;

S. 1890, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1955, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, with amendments;

S. 2247, to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, with amendments;

S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the

State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations;

S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry;

S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3044, to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the “Mount Blue Sky Wilderness”;

S. 3045, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, with amendments; and

S. 3046, to make permanent the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity National Forest marina fees.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Sanders (Chair), Wyden, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Cortez Masto, Hickenlooper, Hawley, Risch, Murkowski, Hoeven, Cassidy, and Hyde-Smith.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators King (Chair), Sanders, Heinrich, Hirono, Padilla, Daines, Lee, Murkowski, and Hyde-Smith.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining: Senators Cortez Masto (Chair), Wyden, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Hickenlooper, Padilla, Lee, Risch, Daines, Murkowski, Cassidy, and Hawley.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Wyden (Chair), Sanders, Cortez Masto, Hickenlooper, Padilla, Risch, Lee, Hoeven, and Cassidy.

Senators Manchin and Barrasso are ex-officio members of all subcommittees.

DIABETES EPIDEMIC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the diabetes epidemic, after receiving testimony from Ashley N. Gearhardt, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Lindsey Smith Taillie, University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health Global Food Research Program, Chapel Hill; Kasia Lipska, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut; and Natalie Stanback, Lewisville, Texas, and Aaron J. Kowalski, New York, New York, both of JDRF.

FOSTER CHILDREN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine protecting the human rights of foster children, after

receiving testimony from Jose A. Perez, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Rebecca Jones Gaston, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

SUBSTANCE USE TRENDS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine substance use trends among older adults, after receiving testimony from James W. Carroll, former Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Deborah Steinberg, Legal Action Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Keith Humphreys, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and William B. Stauffer, Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance, Harrisburg.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 60 public bills, H.R. 6838–6779; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 935–939, were introduced. **Pages H6983–85**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6988–89**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3229, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to apply the prohibition against contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with elections to contributions or donations in connection with ballot initiatives and referenda, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–318).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6945**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Roy motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 23 yeas to 307 nays, Roll No. 722. **Page H6961**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024: Conference report 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 310 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 723. **Pages H6947–60, H6961–62**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, December 13th.

National Plan to End Parkinson's Act: H.R. 2365, amended, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 724.

Pages H6962–63

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes."

Pages H6962–63

Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation Board of Trustees: The Chair announced the Majority Leader appointed the following member of the House to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation Board of Trustees: Representative Grothman.

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Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, December 14, 2023, through Monday, January 8, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H6963**

Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Representative Bacon. **Page H6980**

Board of Trustees of the Adams Memorial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of

the Adams Memorial Commission: Representatives Griffith, Moolenaar, Lynch and Connolly.

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Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Representatives Bucshon and McCollum.

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Norcross.

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Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Representatives Cole and Leger Fernandez.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6961, H6961–62, and H6962–63.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, December 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, December 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Martin O'Malley, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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