

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S105–S124*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3589–3594 **Page S122**

**Measures Considered:**

**Amending the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2872, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act. **Pages S117–118**

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

By 68 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 9), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S118**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2024; and that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S124**

**Israel's Human Rights Practices:** By 72 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 8), Senate agreed to the motion to table the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration of S. Res. 504, requesting information on Israel's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. **Pages S113–117**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S123**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—9) **Pages S117–118**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S124.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 6994–7001; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 965–968, were introduced. **Pages H147–148**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H148**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3058, to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and

adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–347);

H.R. 5863, to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–348); and

H.R. 6918, to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–349). **Page H147**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H135**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H137**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:37 p.m. **Page H137**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

***Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act:*** H.R. 1568, amended, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information; **Pages H137–139**

***Social Security Child Protection Act of 2023:*** H.R. 3667, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised; **Pages H139–141**

***Amending 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. 5862, amended, 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; **Pages H141–143**

***Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying Act:*** H.R. 4250, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by establishing appropriate limits on the federally compelled disclosure of information obtained as part of engaging in journalism; and **Pages H143–145**

***Providing remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland:*** S. 3250, to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. **Pages H145–146**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**PREGNANT STUDENTS' RIGHTS ACT; SUPPORTING PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN AND FAMILIES ACT; DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S OPEN-BORDERS POLICIES, CONDEMNING THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY CRISIS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER, AND URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO END HIS ADMINISTRATION'S OPEN-BORDERS POLICIES**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing H.R. 6914, the “Pregnant Students’ Rights Act”; H.R. 6918, the “Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act”; and H. Res. 957, denouncing the Biden administration’s open-borders policies, condemning the national security and public safety crisis along the southwest border, and urging President Biden to end his administration’s open-borders policies. The Committee granted, by record vote of 5–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6914, the “Pregnant Students’ Rights Act”, H.R. 6918, the “Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act”, and H. Res. 957, Denouncing the Biden administration’s open-borders policies, condemning the national security and public safety crisis along the southwest border, and urging President Biden to end his administration’s open-borders policies. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6914, the “Pregnant Students’ Rights Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6918, the “Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–20 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as

amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 957, Denouncing the Biden administration's open-borders policies, condemning the national security and public safety crisis along the southwest border, and urging President Biden to end his administration's open-borders policies, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 957. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. Testimony was heard from Chairman Foxx, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Moran, Nadler, and Fischbach.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine closing corporate loopholes that reward offshoring jobs and profits, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on strategic implications for cross-straits relations of the 2024 Taiwan elections, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Cyber Safety Review Board, focusing on expectations, outcomes, and enduring questions, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine five years of the First Step Act, focusing on reimagining rehabilitation and protecting public safety, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Strengthening American Communications Leadership with Open Radio Access Networks", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Threat to Every Community: Assessing the Safety, Health, and Economic Consequences of President Biden's Border Policies", 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled "International Financing of Nuclear Energy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Flow of U.S. Money into China's Military Might", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific, hearing entitled "Protecting Emerging Technologies for Peace and Stability in the Indo-Pacific", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Safeguarding Dissident Voices: Addressing Transnational Repression Threats to Homeland Security", 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1246, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian tribes; H.R. 2950, the "Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023"; H.R. 5482, the "Energy Poverty Prevention and Accountability Act of 2023"; H.R. 5770, the "Water Data Improvement Act"; H.R. 5874, to amend the United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act to reauthorize the United States-Mexico transboundary aquifer assessment program; H.R. 6443, the "Jamul Indian Village Land Transfer Act"; H.R. 6474, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas; and H.R. 6492, the "EXPLORE Act", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Biden Administration's Regulatory and Policymaking Efforts to Undermine U.S. Immigration Law", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled "Toward an AI-Ready Workforce", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled "Returning to the Moon: Keeping Artemis on Track", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The State of Transportation", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "VA Revolving Funds: Are Veterans Being Shortchanged", 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, hearing entitled “Pathways to Independence: Supporting Youth Aging Out of Foster Care”, 2 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

### Joint Meeting

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine policy approaches to increasing the supply of affordable housing, focusing on rebuilding the American Dream, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 17 through January 19, 2024

### Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2872, Amending the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act (the legislative vehicle for the Continuing Resolution), post-cloture.

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: January 18, to hold hearings to examine national security challenges, focusing on outpacing China in emerging technology, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: January 17, to hold hearings to examine closing corporate loopholes that reward offshoring jobs and profits, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: January 18, business meeting to consider S. 1863, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and submit a report on the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products produced in the United States and in certain foreign countries, S. 2781, to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, S. 3412, to redesignate the Richard H. Poff Federal Building located at 210 Franklin Road Southwest in Roanoke, Virginia, as the “Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building”, S. 3570, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 West Pike Street in Clarksburg, West Virginia, as the “Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse”, and S. 3577, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: January 17, to receive a closed briefing on strategic implications for cross-straits relations of the 2024 Taiwan elections, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

January 18, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing from the Secretary of State, 1:45 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: January 18, to hold hearings to examine addressing long COVID, focusing on advancing research and improving patient care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: January 17, business meeting to consider the nominations of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

January 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Cyber Safety Review Board, focusing on expectations, outcomes, and enduring questions, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: January 17, to hold hearings to examine five years of the First Step Act, focusing on reimagining rehabilitation and protecting public safety, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

January 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Adeel Abdullah Mangi, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jacquelyn D. Austin, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Amy M. Baggio, and Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Jacqueline Becerra, Melissa Damian, and David Seymour Leibowitz, each to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Cristal C. Brisco, and Gretchen S. Lund, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Edward Sunyol Kiel, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Sarah French Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Kirk Edward Sherriff, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Julie Simone Sneed, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, and Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

### House Committees

*Committee on the Budget*, January 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5779, the “Fiscal Commission Act of 2023”; H.R. 6952, the “Fiscal State of the Nation Act”; and H.R. 6957, the “Debt-to-GDP Transparency and Stabilization Act”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, January 18, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Preparing Students for Success in the Skills-Based Economy”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, January 18, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Fueling America’s Economy: Legislation to Improve Safety and Expand U.S. Pipeline Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

January 18, Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “NIL Playbook: Proposal to Protect Student Athletes’ Dealmaking Rights”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, January 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Proposed Climate Disclosure Rule: A Future of Legal Hurdles”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, January 18, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “The Myth of the New Cuban Entrepreneurs: An Analysis of the Biden Administration’s Cuba Policy”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, January 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Voices for the Victims: The Heartbreaking Reality of the Mayorkas Border Crisis”, 9:30 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, January 18, Full Committee, markup on Ratification of Subcommittee Assignments; H.R. 5736, the “Federal Accountability in Interviews Reform Act”; H.R. 1508, the “Traveler’s Gun Rights Act”; H.R. 1709, the “Tribal Firearm Access Act”; H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act”; H.R. 6976, the “Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act”; H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”; and H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, January 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Reporting for Duty: Examining the Impacts of the Department of the Interior’s Remote and Telework Policies”, 10:15 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

January 18, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 897, the “Alabama Under-

water Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act”; H.R. 3925, the “Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act of 2023”; H.R. 5441, the “Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023”; and H.R. 6235, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

January 18, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution; and H.R. 6273, the “Guam Host Community Compensation Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, January 18, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The Next Generation: Empowering American Nuclear Energy”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, January 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unleashing Main Street’s Potential: Examining Avenues to Capital Access”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, January 18, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Oversight and Examination of Railroad Grade Crossing Elimination and Safety”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meeting

*Joint Economic Committee*: January 17, to hold hearings to examine policy approaches to increasing the supply of affordable housing, focusing on rebuilding the American Dream, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Wednesday, January 17

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2872, Amending the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act (the legislative vehicle for the Continuing Resolution), post-cloture.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H. Res. 957—Denouncing the Biden administration's open-borders policies, condemning the national security and public safety crisis along the southwest border, and urging President Biden to end his administration's open-borders policies (Pursuant to a Rule). Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the Rules: H.R. 3058—Recruiting Families Using Data Act.

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