

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S255–S274

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3658–3678, and S. Res. 532–534. **Pages S268–69**

Measures Reported:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2781, to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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”.

S. 3577, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”.

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Measures Passed:

National Board Certified Teachers Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 533, expressing support for the designation of January 21 through 27, 2024, as “National Board Certified Teachers Week”.

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Printing of the Names of Senate Pages—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the names of the current pages be printed in the Record.

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Sherriff Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kirk Edward Sherriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

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

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 23), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S260**

Kolar Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Page S260**

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

By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 24), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S262**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, and that all time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Thursday, January 25, 2024, ripen on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. **Page S272**

Mehalchick Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karoline Mehalchick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S260**

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 Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Page S260**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S260**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S260**

Goffman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S261–62**

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 Karoline Mehalchick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S261**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S260**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S261**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 87 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 22), Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S260**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick John Fuchs, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring January 14, 2029.

Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Patrice J. Robinson, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2028.

Liliana Ayalde, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2026.

Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2026.

Julio Guity-Guevara, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2028.

Maria Fabiana Jorge, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2028.

Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2024.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2025.

Monde Muyangwa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2027.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

9 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S272–74**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—24) **Pages S260, S262**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:49 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S272.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 288 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on local perspectives on challenges and solutions, including S. 2968, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, S. 3349, to prohibit the Federal Insurance Office of the Department of the Treasury and other financial regulators from collecting data directly from an insurance company, and S. 1380, to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to provide States and communities with additional assistance to plant and maintain trees, after receiving testimony from Mayor Steve Patterson, Athens, Ohio, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Michael Hecht, Greater New Orleans, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance; and Daniel Kaniewski, Marsh McLennan, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador

to the Republic of Indonesia, Courtney Diesel O'Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Coons, and Laura Stone, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, all of the Department of State, and Andrew William Plitt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assisted living facilities, focusing on understanding long-term care options for older adults, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Craft Morgan, Georgia State University Gerontology Institute, Waleska; Julie Simpkins, Gardant Management Solutions, Indianapolis, Indiana; Richard J. Mollot, Long Term Care Community Coalition, New York City, New York; and Patricia Vessenmeyer, Gainsville, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 7075–7099; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 85–86; and H. Res. 978, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on January 23, 2024 as follows: H.R. 7024, to make improvements to the child tax credit, to provide tax incentives to promote economic growth, to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States, to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters, to make improvements to the low-income housing tax credit, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–353 Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 522, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing a vehicle adapted for operation by disabled individuals to certain eligible persons, to pay expenses associated with the delivery of such vehicle, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–354);

H.R. 443, to direct the Secretary of Labor to train certain employees of Department of Labor how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their official duties, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–355);

H.R. 6678, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed Social Security fraud are inadmissible and deportable, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–356);

H.R. 6976, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–357);

H.R. 6679, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–358); and H.R. 5585, to impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–359).

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

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Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Representative Miller (OH). And from private life: Mr. Marshall Billingslea of Montgomery, Alabama.

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Library of Congress Trust Fund Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term: Ms. Cynthia Fisher of Newtown, Massachusetts.

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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 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

House

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on 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”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “The Future of Data Privacy and Artificial Intelligence at VA”, 3:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, January 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, January 29

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House Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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