

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S427–S461

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3744–3766, and S.J. Res. 61. **Pages S442–43**

Measures Considered:

RELIEVE Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program. **Pages S427–38**

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

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 39), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S427–38**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 40), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the failed vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S438**

The motion to reconsider the failed vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill made on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, was rendered moot. **Page S438**

Senate agreed to the motion to recess until 12:00 noon, on Thursday, February 8, 2024. **Page S461**

Message from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022, with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–37) **Pages S440–41**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was

originally declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021, with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–38) **Page S441**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S461**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, which was sent to the Senate on January 10, 2024

Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, which was sent to the Senate on January 10, 2024 **Page S461**

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S445–61**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—40) **Page S438**

Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon and recessed at 7:17 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, February 8, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S461.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 7265–7305; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 113–114; and H. Res. 1002–1004 were introduced. **Pages H534–36**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H538**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 6009, to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–376). **Page H534**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meuser to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H507**

Protecting Health Care for All Patients Act: The House passed H.R. 485, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the use of quality-adjusted life years and similar measures in coverage and payment determinations under Federal health care programs, by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 40. **Pages H509–19**

Rejected the Fletcher motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 39. **Page H518**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–374 accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H515–16**

Agreed to:

Molinaro amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–374) that requires a study on how the quality-adjusted life year measure negatively impacts individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their access to care. **Pages H516–18**

H. Res. 996, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 863) and the bill (H.R. 485) was agreed to yesterday, February 6th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, February 5th:

Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act: H.R. 3415, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Midvale Irrigation District the Pilot Butte Power Plant in the State of Wyoming. **Page H519**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 9th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, February 13th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H519**

Presidential Messages:

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022, is to continue in effect beyond February 11, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–105). **Page H533**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to situation in and in relation to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021 is to continue in effect beyond February 10, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–106). **Page H533**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H518 and H519.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE STATE OF DOD HOUSING AND AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The State of DoD Housing and Aging Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Brendan Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of Defense; Rachel Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of the Army; Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Ravi Chaudhary, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of the Air Force.

AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS: CONFRONTING ZUCKERBUCKS, PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: Confronting Zuckerbucks, Private Funding of Election Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING AMERICA’S INTERESTS AT THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION’S 13TH MINISTERIAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Advancing America’s Interests at the World Trade Organization’s 13th Ministerial Meeting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council Annual Report to Congress, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1939, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the administration’s pause on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export approvals and the Department of Energy’s process for assessing LNG export applications, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine Artificial Intelligence and Health Care, focusing on promise and pitfalls, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dafna Hochman Rand, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Donna Ann Welton, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Stephan A. Lang, of Virginia, to be U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the cost of prescription drugs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2385, to provide access to reliable, clean, and drinkable water on Tribal lands, S. 2868, to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, S. 3022, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, S. 2796, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and S. 3230, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Amir H. Ali, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Melissa R. DuBose, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Sunil R. Harjani, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Robert J. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Jasmine Hyejung Yoon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, February 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, February 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 815, RELIEVE Act (the legislative vehicle for the National Security Supplemental), with a vote expected on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

Additional votes are possible during Thursday's session.

House Chamber

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

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