

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 815, National Security Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S859–S963

Measures Introduced: Four bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3797–3800, S. Res. 559–564, and S. Con. Res. 28–29. **Page S954**

Measures Passed:

National Security Act: By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 48), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S859–953**

Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 46), Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1388, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S907**

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

Schumer Amendment No. 1579 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1388), to add an effective date. (Senate agreed to the motion to table the amendment.) **Page S906**

Schumer Amendment No. 1580 (to Amendment No. 1579), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 1579 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1388) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S906**

Schumer Amendment No. 1577 (to Amendment No. 1388), to add an effective date. (Senate agreed to the motion to table the amendment.) **Page S906**

Schumer Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1577), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 1577 (to Amendment No. 1388) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S906**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 45), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional

Budget Act of 1974 and any other applicable budget points of order for consideration of the bill. Subsequently, the point of order against all the emergency designation provisions contained in Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1388 (listed above), was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

Pages S906–07

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 47), 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 bill. **Page S907**

American Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 560, designating February 2024 as “American Heart Month”. **Page S960**

National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 561, designating February 16, 2024, as “National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day”. **Page S960**

Honoring George F. McGinnis: Senate agreed to S. Res. 562, honoring the life and legacy of George F. McGinnis. **Page S960**

Hulman Center 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 563, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Hulman Center. **Page S960**

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 564, honoring the memories of the victims of the senseless attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. **Page S960**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 29, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 815. **Page S960**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Debbie Ramsey of Kentucky. **Page S960**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S960**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, February 16, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 9 a.m.; and Friday, February 23, 2024, at 3 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, February 23, 2024, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 2024. **Page S960**

Becerra Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S953**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, February 13, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 2024. **Page S953**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S953**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 2024, Senator Cardin be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address; that following his remarks, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the legislative day of Monday, February 12, 2024, ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S960**

Leibowitz Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S953**

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 Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to

be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S953**

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Dellinger Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years. **Page S953**

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 David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S953**

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

Cardell Kenneth Richardson, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of State, which was sent to the Senate on July 26, 2023, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S963**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S955–56**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S956–60**

Additional Statements: **Page S954**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S960**

Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—2) **Pages S860, S907**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—48) **Page S907**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, on Monday, February 12, 2024, and adjourned at 7:16 a.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S960.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 7176, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on granting access to certain intelligence reporting to all Members of the House, 5:15 p.m., HVC-304.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 13 through February 16, 2024

Senate Chamber

Senate will meet in pro forma session on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony

from The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, February 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Outpacing China: Expediting the Fielding of Innovation”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, February 14, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Wage and Hour Division”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Protecting American Savers and Retirees from DOL’s Regulatory Overreach”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Support Patients and Caregivers”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Powered Up: State Utility Regulators on Challenges to Reliable, Affordable Electricity”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Securing Communications Networks from Foreign Adversaries”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Prosperity and People’s Livelihoods: Legislation to Modernize Air Quality Standards”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Lender of Last Resort: Issues with the Fed Discount Window and Emergency Lending”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Crypto Crime in Context Part II: Examining Approaches to Combat Illicit Activity”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “AUKUS Implementation and Challenges to International Security and Arms Control in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Iran’s Proxy in

Yemen: The Houthi Threat to Middle East Stability, Global Shipping, and U.S. Servicemembers”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing entitled “The Future of Freedom in Nigeria”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

February 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Behind the Scenes: How the Biden Administration Failed to Enforce the Doha Agreement”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “The Agents of Antisemitism in Latin America”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing entitled “Going Nuclear on Rosatom: Ending Global Dependence on Putin’s Nuclear Energy Sector”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 15, Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology, hearing entitled “Examining Fire Hazards: Lithium-Ion Batteries and Other Threats to Fire Safety”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, February 14, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the End Zuckerbucks Act of 2023; H.R. 4500, the “Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act”; H.R. 4251, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the effectiveness of the Federal Government in carrying out its responsibilities under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to promote access to voting for absentee uniformed services voters and an analysis of means for improving access to voter registration and assistance for members of the Armed Forces and their family members, and for other purposes; legislation on the Electronic Filing of Electioneering Communication Reports Act; H.R. 4486, the “Hiring Preference for Veterans and Americans With Disabilities Act”; and H.R. 4477, the “American Confidence in Elections: District of Columbia Election Integrity and Voter Confidence Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 14, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Marshals Service”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 14, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 3119, to provide for the issuance of a Manatee Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 6784, the “ESA Flexibility Act”; H.R. 6854, the “Habitat Enhancement Now Act”; and H.R. 7157, the “Strengthen Wood Product Supply Chains Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 15, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Economic Diversification to Create Prosperous Tribal Economies”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Bidenomics and Land Management: The Misguided National Strategy to Develop Environmental Economic Decisions”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, February 15, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hear-

ing entitled “Assessing America’s Vaccine Safety Systems, Part 1”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “The Consequences of Catch and Release at the Border”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, February 14, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 14, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “ISS and Beyond: The Present and Future of American Low-Earth Orbit Activities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Federal Science Agency Actions to Secure the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 14, Full Committee, markup on the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Burdensome Regulations: Examining the Impact of EPA Regulations on Main Street”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, hearing entitled “Leveling the Playing Field: Challenges Facing Small Business Contracting”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 15, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Implementation of Buy America Provisions: Stakeholder Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VA’s HR Office: Did Leaders Ignore and Perpetrate Sexual Harassment?”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon. Part of this hearing will be closed.

February 14, Full Committee, business meeting on a resolution for the authorization of the issuance of subpoenas, 12:05 p.m., 360 Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Is VA Illegally Spending Taxpayer Dollars in its Compensation and Pension Programs?”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

February 15, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record Modernization Deep Dive: Can the Oracle Pharmacy Software Be Made Safe and Effective?”, 8 a.m., 360 Cannon.

February 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence at VA: Exploring its Current State and Future Possibilities”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

February 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Sink or Swim? A Deep Dive into the Current State of VA’s Home Loan Program in a Competitive Market”, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, Daniel Werfel”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3:30 p.m., Friday, February 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, February 13

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

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

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



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