

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 7463, Extension of Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1051–S1091

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4, 3832–3859, and S. Res. 569–570. **Pages S1076–77**

Measures Reported:

S. 1939, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Extension of Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act: By 77 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate passed H.R. 7463, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, February 29, 2024, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment and motions proposed thereto:

Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 63), Paul/Braun Amendment No. 1614, to establish prohibitions relating to the purchase or sale of State or municipal securities. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 14 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 64), Marshall motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions.

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By 12 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 65), Lee motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions.

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By 32 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 66), Cruz motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions.

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Justice for Murder Victims Act: Senate passed S. 3859, to ensure that homicides can be prosecuted under Federal law without regard to the time elapsed between the act or omission that caused the death of the victim and the death itself.

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Victims' VOICES Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3706, to amend section 3663A of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that restitution includes necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by a person who has assumed the victim's rights, and the bill was then passed.

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National Speech and Debate Education Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 570, designating March 1, 2024, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day".

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Measures Considered:

Proposed Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Turkiye: By 13 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate rejected the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations of S.J. Res. 60, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Turkiye of certain defense articles and services.

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Veto Messages:

Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers: By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 61), two-thirds of the Senators voting not having voted in the affirmative, S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers", was rejected, the veto of the President was sustained.

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Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Brown and Butler. **Page S1089**

Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, but no later than Friday, March 8, 2024, Senate begin consideration of S. 3853, to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining; that there be up to one hour for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, all without intervening action or debate, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage. **Page S1068**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Schatz be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from February 29, 2024 through March 5, 2024. **Page S1089**

Keohane Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S1058–67**

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 Thursday, February 29, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. **Page S1090**

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 S1058**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, March 5, 2024; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, February 29, 2024 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S1090**

Marvit Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Moshe Z. Marvit, of

Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. **Page S1072**

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 Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S1072**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1072**

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Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1072**

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 Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. **Page S1072**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 60), Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury. **Pages S1051–57**

Douglas Craig Schmidt, of Tennessee, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense. **Page S1072**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

David Rosner, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2028.

Dana Lynn Banks, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Mary E. Daschbach, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Troy Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Joshua M. Harris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Elizabeth K. Horst, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2029.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—67) Pages S1057–58, S1067, S1069–72

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until 12 noon on Friday, March 1, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1090.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USSTRATCOM AND USSPACECOM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Stephen N. Whiting, USSF, Commander, United States Space Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ann Marie McIff Allen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Susan M. Bazis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Ernest Gonzalez, and Leon Schydlower, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, and Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowering people with disabilities to thrive in careers and the workplace, after receiving testimony from Erin Willman, White Cane Coffee Company, Warren, Pennsylvania; Jeffrey Mittman, Bosma Enterprises, Indianapolis, Indiana; Lauren Avellone, Virginia Commonwealth University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Richmond; and Frank Hellmer, Little Rock, Arkansas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 7476–7510; and 13 resolutions, H. Res. 1034–1046, were introduced. Pages H770–72

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H774–75

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3277, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–402). Page H770

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Strong to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H741

Recess: The House recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H751**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Extension of Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2024: H.R. 7463, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 58; and

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Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2024: H.R. 7454, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 59.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Wednesday, February 28th.

Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act: H.R. 7102, to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 57;

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Requiring the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide a link to resources for submitting reports on suspected fraud relating to certain COVID–19 loans: H.R. 5426, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide a link to resources for submitting reports on suspected fraud relating to certain COVID–19 loans; and

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WOSB Integrity Act of 2024: H.R. 7128, to establish requirements relating to size standard compliance of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 1st, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, March 5th for Morning Hour debate.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Titus wherein she resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1034, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H764, H765, and H765–66.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

A REVIEW OF DEFENSE SECRETARY AUSTIN'S UNANNOUNCED ABSENCE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of Defense Secretary Austin’s Unannounced Absence”. Testimony was heard from Loyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT PATIENTS WITH RARE DISEASES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Support Patients with Rare Diseases”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 109, providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”; H.R. 6864, the “HUD Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 7280, “HUD Transparency Act of 2024”; H.R. 7156, the “Combating Money Laundering in Cyber Crime Act of 2024”; and H.R. 7462, the “Wildfire Insurance Coverage Study Act of 2024”. H.J. Res. 109 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 6864, H.R. 7280, H.R. 7156, and H.R. 7462 were ordered reported, as amended.

PORT CYBERSECURITY: THE INSIDIOUS THREAT TO U.S. MARITIME PORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Port Cybersecurity: The Insidious Threat to U.S. Maritime Ports”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Derek Trinque, Director for Strategic Plans, Policy, and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, Department of Defense; Rear Admiral Wayne Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral John Vann, Commander, Coast Guard Cyber Command, U.S. Coast Guard; and Christa Brzozowski, Acting Assistant Secretary, Trade and Economic Security, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on Ratification of Subcommittee Assignments; H.R. 4848, the “Censorship Accountability

Act”; H.R. 2595, the “Forfeiture Funds Expenditure Transparency Act”; and H.R. 7335, the “Transparency in National Security Threats Act”. Subcommittee Assignments were ratified. H.R. 4848, H.R. 2595, and H.R. 7335 were ordered reported, as amended.

MADE IN CHINA: IS GSA COMPLYING WITH PURCHASING RESTRICTIONS?

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Made in China: Is GSA Complying with Purchasing Restrictions?”. Testimony was heard from Robert C. Erickson, Jr., Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, General Services Administration; and David Shive, Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration.

EXAMINING THE RISK: THE DANGERS OF EV FIRES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Examining the Risk: The Dangers of EV Fires for First Responders”. Testimony was heard from Dan Munsey, Chief, Fire Department, San Bernardino County, California; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the Fiscal Year 2025 Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H. Con. Res. 83, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. Fiscal Year 2025 Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure were adopted. H. Con. Res. 83 was ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Friday, March 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m, Friday, March 1

Senate Chamber

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

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

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