

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2351–S2371

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3906–3933, and S. Res. 587. **Pages S2364–65**

Measures Reported:

S. 1322, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify the authorized purposes and term period of tribal leases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–159)

S. 3791, to reauthorize the America’s Conservation Enhancement Act, with an amendment.

S. 3858, to establish within the Office of Land and Emergency Management of the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, with amendments.

S. 3891, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to update and expand Federal economic development investment in the economic recovery, resiliency, and competitiveness of communities, regions, and States across the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2364**

Measures Passed:

Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act: Senate passed S. 1189, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Capito) Amendment No. 1691, relating to Federal share and certain dates.

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Recycling and Composting Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 1194, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Carper) Amendment No. 1692, to modify the authorization of appropriations.

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Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 2882, to reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Kelly) Amendment No. 1693, in the nature of a substitute.

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Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary of National Significance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 50, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to give priority consideration to selecting Pensacola and Perdido Bays as an estuary of national significance, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1694, in the nature of a substitute.

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National CACFP Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 587, designating the third week of March 2024 as “National CACFP Week”.

Pages S2366–67

Message from the President: Senate received the following message 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 12957 of March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–43)

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Berner Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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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, March 12, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2361**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2361**

Hankins and Berner Nominations—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2024, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti; that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon; that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Nicole G. Berner ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Page S2371**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 86), Jasmine Hyejung Yoon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Pages S2351–55, S2371**

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 88), Sunil R. Harjani, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S2355–56, S2371**

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 87), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2355**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 90), Melissa R. DuBose, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. **Pages S2356–61, S2371**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 89), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2356**

By 63 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 91), Sean Patrick Maloney, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S2360–61, S2371**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House: **Page S2364**

Measures Referred: **Page S2364**

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Additional Statements: **Page S2363**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S2367**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S2367–68**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—91) **Pages S2355, S2356, S2361**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2371.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global security challenges and U.S. strategy, after receiving testimony from Paul Scharre, Center for a New American Security, and Hal Brands, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to address housing affordability, availability, and other community needs, including S. 3501, to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caregiver relatives, S. 657, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for neighborhood revitalization, S. 1448, to provide grants to owners of intergenerational dwelling units, S. 1379, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an excess urban heat mitigation grant program, S. 3068, to require each enterprise to include on the Uniform Residential Loan Application a disclaimer to increase awareness of the direct and guaranteed home loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1514, to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, S. 1557, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, S. 2790, to reform rural housing programs, S. 2142, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, S. 3673, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on the purchase of single-family

homes by certain large investors, S. 3904, to establish a pilot program to improve the family self-sufficiency program, S. 3502, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, S. 735, to strengthen the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, S. 3867, to create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements, S. 3871, to establish a whole-home repairs program for eligible homeowners and eligible landlords, S. 1941, to permanently authorize the Native Community Development Financial Institutions lending program of the Department of Agriculture, S. 32, to increase the number of landlords participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program, and S. 1267, to amend the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on source of income, veteran status, or military status, after receiving testimony from E.J. Antoni, The Heritage Foundation, Matt Josephs, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and Peggy Bailey, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

PRESIDENT'S FY 2025 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025, after receiving testimony from Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

WILDLAND FIRES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission, after receiving testimony from Meryl Harrell, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment; Joan Mooney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Kelly Norris, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Cheyenne; Cody Desautel, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington, on behalf of the Intertribal Timber Council; and Madelene McDonald, Denver Water, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 3791, to reauthorize the America's Conservation Enhancement Act;

S. 3858, to establish within the Office of Land and Emergency Management of the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, with an amendment; and

S. 3891, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to update and ex-

pand Federal economic development investment in the economic recovery, resiliency, and competitiveness of communities, regions, and States across the United States, with amendments.

U.S. MANUFACTURING

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine growing United States manufacturing through the tax code, after receiving testimony from Mark R. Widmar, First Solar, Inc., Tempe, Arizona; Anna Fendley, The United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Shannon M. Janis, onsemi, Scottsdale, Arizona; Courtney Silver, Ketchie, Inc., Concord, North Carolina; and Peter R. Huntsman, Huntsman Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas.

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine youth apprenticeships, focusing on building partnerships and strengthening career pathways, after receiving testimony from Steve Day, Cherry Creek Innovation Campus, Centennial, Colorado, on behalf of the Cherry Creek School District; Wesley Patch, Vestas Americas, Winsor, Colorado; Brad Rhorer, Ascend Indiana, Indianapolis; and Denise Tugade, California Youth Apprenticeship Council, Los Angeles.

VOTING RIGHTS IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine voting rights in America, after receiving testimony from Senator Warnock; Representative Hunt; Hans A. von Spakovsky, The Heritage Foundation Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, Washington, D.C.; Maureen S. Riordan, Public Interest Legal Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia; Lydia Camarillo, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, San Antonio, Texas; Sophia Lin Lakin, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, New York; and Damon T. Hewitt, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Montgomery, Maryland.

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine administration of upcoming elections, after receiving testimony from Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State, Lansing; Wes Allen, Alabama Secretary of State, Montgomery; Isaac Cramer, Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Executive Director, North Charleston, South Carolina; Brian W. Kruse, Douglas County Election Commissioner, Omaha,

Nebraska; and Janai Nelson, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 7621–7643; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 97; and H. Res. 1074–1076, were introduced. **Pages H1146–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1147–50**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6011, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–420, Part 1);

H.R. 524, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to create an exemption for certain shoreline borrow sites, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–421);

H.R. 1246, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes (H. Rept. 118–422);

H.R. 929, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–423); and

H.R. 6421, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from enforcing energy efficiency standards applicable to manufactured housing, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–424). **Page H1146**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lesko to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1097**

Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1104**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H1114**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Buck, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, effective at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024. **Page H1131**

Recess: The House recessed at 4 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H1131**

Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act: The House passed H.R. 6276, to direct

the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to identify the utilization rate of certain public buildings and federally-leased space, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 84. **Pages H1106–14, H1132–33**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to identify the utilization rate of certain public buildings and federally-leased space, and for other purposes.”. **Page H1133**

Rejected the Beyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 83. **Page H1132**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H1121–27**

Agreed to:

Edwards amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that requires certain data collection and reporting on space utilization, occupancy, and availability of office space leased by an Executive agency; **Pages H1122–23**

Perry amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that redefines occupancy to include the total number of employees actually performing duties in person in a public building or federally-leased space 40 hours per week; **Pages H1123–24**

Hageman amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that requires the federal agencies to report to Congress on whether occupancy and utilization rates are affected by an agency’s remote work and telework policies; **Page H1124**

Hageman amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that includes PIV badge swipe data as a tool for measuring the utilization of public buildings and federally leased spaces; **Pages H1124–25**

McCormick amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that requires the reports on the usage of real property described in Section 4 of the bill to be made public on an accessible website run by the General Services Administration (GSA) with exceptions for national security; **Page H1125**

McCormick amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that requires the GAO to report on the cost of conducting the survey and monitoring every federal building's occupancy for a year (including, per the bill, installing sensors in every office of every federal building nationwide); and

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Rose amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–419) that requires federal agencies to report public buildings or federally-leased spaces with a capacity of 500 or more employees and a utilization rate below 20 percent to their inspector general for investigation.

Pages H1126–27

H. Res. 1071, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6276) and the resolution (H. Res. 1065) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 82, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 81.

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Denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies: The House agreed to H. Res. 1065, denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 85.

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Clerk to Correct: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 6276 to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 13th.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Iran is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2024 referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–118).

Pages H1105–06

Discharge Petitions: Representative McGovern presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1016) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5673) to advance responsible policies (Discharge Petition No. 9).

Representative Fitzpatrick presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1027) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 626) to advance commonsense policy priorities (Discharge Petition No. 10).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the pro-

ceedings of today and appear on pages H1115, H1115–16, H1132, H1132–33, H1133–34.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Zimmerman, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, Department of Defense; General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and Northern American Aerospace Defense Command; and General Laura J. Richardson, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense.

U.S. AND ADVERSARY HYPERSONIC CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “U.S. and Adversary Hypersonic Capabilities”. Testimony was heard from James Weber, Principal Director for Hypersonics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Critical Technologies, Department of Defense; Michael Horowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Development and Emerging Capabilities, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Robert Rasch, U.S. Army, Director, Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., U.S. Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Dale R. White, U.S. Air Force, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistance Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; Jeffrey McCormick, Senior Intelligence Analyst, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, U.S. Air Force; and George Rumford, Director, Test Resource Management Center, Department of Defense.

AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES RELATED TO THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities Related to the President's Fiscal

Year 2025 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Andrew P. Hunter, Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force; and Lieutenant General Richard G. Moore, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Department of the Air Force.

SAFEGUARDING STUDENT—ATHLETES FROM NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD MISCLASSIFICATION

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a joint hearing entitled “Safeguarding Student-Athletes from NLRB Misclassification”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 619, the “NAPA Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 620, the “Alzheimer’s Accountability and Investment Act”; H.R. 7218, the “Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act of 2024”; H.R. 5012, the “SHINE for Autumn Act of 2023”; H.R. 4581, the “Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act of 2023”; H.R. 2706, the “Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act”; H.R. 4646, the “SIREN Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 6160, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a lifespan respite care program; H.R. 6960, the “Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 7153, the “Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 7251, the “Poison Control Centers Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 7224, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; H.R. 7208, the “Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 6829, the “Cardiomyopathy Health Education, Awareness, Research, and Training in the Schools Act of 2023”; H.R. 7189, the “Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 7406, the “DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024”; H.R. 3916, the “SCREENS for Cancer Act of 2023”; H.R. 5074, the “Kidney PATIENT Act”; and H.R. 5526, the “Seniors’ Access to Critical Medications Act of 2023”. H.R. 620, H.R. 7218, H.R. 6960, H.R. 7153, H.R. 7224, H.R. 5074, H.R. 5526, and H.R. 5012 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 619, H.R. 4581, H.R. 4646, H.R. 6160, H.R. 7251, H.R. 6829, H.R. 7189, H.R. 3916, H.R. 2706, H.R. 7208, and H.R. 7406 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 7589, the “Removing Our Unsecure Technologies to Ensure Reliability and Security Act”; H.R. 1513, the “Future Uses of Technology Upholding Reliable and Enhancing Networks Act”; H.R. 820, the “Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act”; and H.R. 2864, the “Countering CCP Drones Act”. H.R. 7589 and H.R. 1513 forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 820 and H.R. 2864 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

MISSION CRITICAL: RESTORING NATIONAL SECURITY AS THE FOCUS OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Mission Critical: Restoring National Security as the Focus of Defense Production Act Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Luke Nicastro, Analyst in U.S. Defense Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

GOING NUCLEAR ON ROSATOM: ENDING GLOBAL DEPENDENCE ON PUTIN’S NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing entitled “Going Nuclear on Rosatom: Ending Global Dependence on Putin’s Nuclear Energy Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERSIGHT: EXAMINING TSA’S POST-MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Organizational Oversight: Examining TSA’s Post-Modernization Efforts”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Julie Scanlon, Executive Assistant Administrator, Enterprise Support, Transportation Security Administration; Brian C. Belcher, Executive Assistant Administrator, Director for Law, Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration; Stacey Fitzmaurice, Executive Assistant Administrator, Operations Support, Transportation Security Administration; and Steve Lorincz, Deputy Executive Assistant Administrator, Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration.

THREE YEARS LATER: ASSESSING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO MULTIPLE PIPE BOMBS ON JANUARY 6, 2021

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Three Years Later: Assessing the Law Enforcement Response to Multiple Pipe Bombs on January 6, 2021”. Testimony was heard from Sean P. Gallagher, Assistant Chief, Uniformed Operations, U.S. Capitol Police; and public witnesses.

HEARING ON THE REPORT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT K. HUR

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Report of Special Counsel Robert K. Hur”. Testimony was heard from Robert K. Hur, Special Counsel, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6862, to amend the FAST Act to include certain mineral production activities as a covered project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1657, the “Lake Winnibigoshish Land Exchange Act of 2023”; H.R. 2468, the “Mountain View Corridor Completion Act”; H.R. 4389, the “Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023”; H.R. 4524, the “Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act”; H.R. 5443, the “AAE Act”; H.R. 5582, the “White Oak Resilience Act”; H.R. 5665, the “Promoting Accessibility on Federal Lands Act of 2023”; H.R. 6235, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2023”; H.R. 6342, the “Military and Veterans in Parks Act” or the “MVP Act”; H.R. 6368, the “Indian Buffalo Management Act”; and H.R. 7072, the “Wabeno Economic Development Act of 2024”. H.R. 6862, H.R. 1657, H.R. 2468, H.R. 4389, H.R. 4524, H.R. 5443, H.R. 5582, H.R. 5665, H.R. 6235, H.R. 6342, H.R. 6368, and H.R. 7072 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE POWER STRUGGLE: EXAMINING THE RELIABILITY AND SECURITY OF AMERICA’S ELECTRICAL GRID

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Power Struggle: Examining the Reliability and Security of America’s Electrical Grid”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADDRESSING REAL HARM DONE BY DEEPFAKES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Tech-

nology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Addressing Real Harm Done by Deepfakes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIDGING THE VALLEY OF DEATH: ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY—ENERGY’S ROLE IN DEVELOPING BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Bridging the Valley of Death: ARPA-E’s Role in Developing Breakthrough Technologies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NAVIGATING REGULATIONS: ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Navigating Regulations: Alternative Pathways to Investing in Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISASTER READINESS: EXAMINING THE PROPRIETY OF THE EXPANDED USE OF FEMA RESOURCES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Disaster Readiness: Examining the Propriety of the Expanded Use of FEMA Resources”. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Kristen D. Bernard, Deputy Inspector General for Audits, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

ENHANCING ACCESS TO CARE AT HOME IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Access to Care at Home in Rural and Underserved Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2024 ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “2024 Annual Threat Assessment”. Testimony was heard from Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; General Timothy D. Haugh, Director, National Security Agency; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau

of Investigation; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Kruse, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

2024 ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “2024 Annual Threat Assessment”. Testimony was heard from Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence; Office of the Director of National Intelligence; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; General Timothy D. Haugh, Director, National Security Agency; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Kruse, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

U.S. FISCAL SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fiscal situation of the United States, after receiving testimony from Michael Faulkender, America First Policy Institute, Michael Linden, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and Romina Boccia, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kimberly A. Clausing, University of California, Los Angeles.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D233)

H.R. 4366, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Signed on March 9, 2024. (Public Law 118–42)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 14

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Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Dennis B. Hankins, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

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