

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2255–S2713

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4093–4106, and S. Res. 631–636. **Pages S2706–07**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1274, to permanently exempt payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. (S. Rept. No. 118–168) **Page S2706**

Measures Passed:

National Performance Management Measures: By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate passed S.J. Res. 61, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure”. **Pages S2684–95**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 85, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition, and other material to win the war and who were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations. **Page S2695**

Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status: By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 122), Senate passed H.J. Res. 98, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to “Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status”. **Pages S2695–S2703**

Youth America Grand Prix: Senate agreed to S. Res. 634, recognizing the cultural and educational

contributions of the Youth America Grand Prix throughout its 25 years of service as the national youth dance competition of the United States.

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National Asbestos Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 635, designating the first week of April 2024 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”.

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Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 636, designating February 29, 2024, as “Rare Disease Day”.

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Measures Considered:

Certain Rules of the Environmental Protection Agency: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4072, to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Senate agreed to the motion to recess until 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

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Appointments:

National Commission on the Future of the Navy: The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–263, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy: Harlan Kenneth Ullman of the District of Columbia.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 120), Ann Marie McIff Allen, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—122) **Pages S2683, S2695, S2703**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 6:43 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2713.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the U.S. Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Randy Moore, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE BUDGET AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christopher P. Maier, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, General Bryan P. Fenton, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Timothy D. Haugh, Commander, United States Cyber Command, all of the Department of Defense.

STUDENT LOAN SERVICER MOHELA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine MOHELA's performance as a student

loan servicer, including S. 1331, to ensure that borrowers who have performed qualifying public service are eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, after receiving testimony from Mayor Quinton Lucas, Kansas City, Missouri; Persis SiChung Yu, Student Borrower Protection Center, and Jason Delisle, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; C. Tapscott Buchanan, Student Loan Servicing Alliance, Alexandria, Virginia; and Kathleen White, San Francisco, California.

OFFSHORE TAX EVASION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine offshore tax evasion by the wealthy and corporations, after receiving testimony from Zorka Milin, Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency, and Daniel Bunn, Taxation Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen L. Curtis, Cross Border Analytics, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Patrick John Fuchs, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CYBER THREATS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the federal and non-federal role of assessing cyber threats to and vulnerabilities of critical water infrastructure in our energy sector, after receiving testimony from Terry Turpin, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Virginia Wright, Program Manager, Cyber-Informed Engineering, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and Scott I. Aaronson, Edison Electric Institute, Washington, D.C.

AIR QUALITY MONITORING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of air quality monitoring technology, after receiving testimony from Omar M. Hammad, Analyst in Environmental Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Anne Austin, former Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and Bill Obermann, Denver Department of Public Health and Environment Air Program Supervisor, Denver, Colorado.

USAID BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Samantha Power, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4042, to amend title 44, United States Code, to reform the management of Federal records, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2871, to advance Federal Government innovation through the implementation and use of multi-cloud computing software technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4036, to establish a Government Spending Oversight Committee within the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4062, to establish a pilot program to assess the use of technology to speed up and enhance the cargo inspection process at land ports of entry along the border, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3698, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise references in such title to individuals with intellectual disabilities;

S. 4055, to provide for a pilot program to improve contracting outcomes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2278, to establish Image Adjudicator and Supervisory Image Adjudicator positions in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4024, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1897, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance capabilities for outbound inspections at the southern land border, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5473, to amend certain laws relating to disaster recovery and relief with respect to the implementation of building codes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3851, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the "Sojourner Truth Post Office";

H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 3865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 3947, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the "Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building".

EXPORT CONTROLS AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine improving export controls and enforcement, including S. 4085, to establish the Export Enforcement Coordination Center in the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Eun Young Choi, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Kevin J. Kurland, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement; and James R. Mancuso, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

COPS GRANT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program, after receiving testimony from Hugh T. Clements, Jr., Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

CHILD CARE SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of child care small businesses in supporting parents and the American workforce, including S.673, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, S.1867, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an initiative to develop, expand, and improve rural childcare, and S.3787, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance, after receiving testimony

from Cindy Cisneros, The Conference Board Committee for Economic Development, New York, New York; Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Amy Brooks, Early Care and Education Association, Lebanon, New Hampshire; and Laurie Todd-Smith, America First Policy Institute, Madison, Mississippi.

WOMEN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring equity for women veterans at the VA, after receiving testimony from Erica M. Scavella, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Veterans Health Administration, Sally Haskell, Acting Chief Officer, and Amanda Johnson, Acting Deputy Chief Officer, both of the Office of Women's Health, Kenesha Britton, Assist-

ant Deputy Under Secretary, National Contact Operations, Office of Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Jennifer Baptiste, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for the Office of Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Howell, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Kirsten Laha-Walsh, Wounded Warrior Project, and Naomi Mathis, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.; and Alissa Engel, Lincoln's Hope Counseling and Consulting, Great Falls, Montana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 7917–7936; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1126–1132, were introduced. **Pages H2289–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2291**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1125, providing for the consideration of the bill (R.R. 7888) to reform the foreign intelligence surveillance act of 1978; providing for consideration of the bill (R.R. 529) to extend the customs waters of the United States, consistent with presidential proclamation 7219; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1112) denouncing the Biden's administration's immigration policies; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1117) opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza (H. Rept. 118–450);

H.R. 7626, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for room air conditioners that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–451);

H.R. 7637, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–452);

H.R. 7645, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes dryers that are not cost-effective

or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–453);

H.R. 7673, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–454); and

H.R. 7700, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for dishwashers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–455). **Pages H2288–89**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2255**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2262**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H2272**

Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act, Denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies, and Opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza—Rule for Consideration: The House failed to agree to H. Res. 1125, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 7888) to reform the foreign intelligence surveillance act of 1978; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 529) to extend the customs waters of the United States, consistent with

presidential proclamation 7219; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1112) denouncing the Biden's administration's immigration policies; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1117) opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 108, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 107.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, April 9th.

National Museum of Play Recognition Act: H.R. 3250, to recognize the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 109.

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Authorizing video recording in the House Chamber during a joint meeting of Congress for certain educational purposes: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1126, authorizing video recording in the House Chamber during a joint meeting of Congress for certain educational purposes.

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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, April 11th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2273, H2273–74 and H2274.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office, the Government Publishing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office; and Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary, Department of the Navy; Admiral Lisa

Franchetti, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; and General Eric M. Smith, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Department of the Navy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Miguel Cardona, Secretary, Department of Education.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ciscomani, Costa, Garamendi, Moylan, Mullin, Stanton, and Titus.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Manger, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army. Testimony was heard from Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary, Department of the Army; and General Randy A. George, Chief of Staff of the Army, Department of the Army.

U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from General Christopher Cavoli, Commander, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense; and Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

CYBER IN AN ERA OF PERSISTENT ENGAGEMENT: THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. CYBER COMMAND AND CYBER OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Cyber in an Era of Persistent Engagement: The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for U.S. Cyber Command and Cyber Operations”. Testimony was heard from Ashley Manning, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, Department of Defense; and General Timothy Haugh, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, Department of Defense.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID FAIL: EXAMINING THE IMPACT ON STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “FAFSA Fail: Examining the Impact on Students, Families, and Schools”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT PATIENT ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Support Patient Access to Telehealth Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY EXPANSION: SPENT FUEL POLICY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “American Nuclear Energy Expansion: Spent Fuel Policy and Innovation”. Testimony was heard from John C. Wagner, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

BEYOND SCOPE: HOW THE SEC’S CLIMATE RULE THREATENS AMERICAN MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Beyond Scope: How the SEC’s Climate Rule Threatens American Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY’S MALIGN INFLUENCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS—IT’S GETTING WORSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Chinese Communist Party’s Malign Influence at the United Nations—It’s Getting Worse”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USAID’S FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES IN THE ERA OF GREAT POWER COMPETITION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “USAID’s Foreign Policy and International Development Priorities in the Era of Great Power Competition”. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5302, the “Michel O. Maceda Memorial Act”; H.R. 7404, the “Subterranean Border Defense Act”; H.R. 7433, the “Law Enforcement Support and Transnational Repression Hotline Act”; H.R. 7443, the “Combating Transnational Repression Act of 2024”; H.R. 7439, the “Strengthening State and Local Efforts to Combat Transnational Repression Act”; and H.R. 7832, the “Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act”. H.R. 5302, H.R. 7404, and H.R. 7832 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 7433, H.R. 7439, and H.R. 7443 were ordered reported, as amended.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: PART III—IP PROTECTION FOR AI-ASSISTED INVENTIONS AND CREATIVE WORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property: Part III—IP Protection for AI-Assisted Inventions and Creative Works”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIDEN’S BORDER CRISIS: EXAMINING THE IMPACTS OF INTERNATIONAL CARTELS TARGETING INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Biden’s Border Crisis: Examining the Impacts of International Cartels Targeting Indian Country”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM AT RISK: IMPACTS OF THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S PROPOSED BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, DIVERSITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled “The National Wildlife Refuge System at Risk: Impacts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed BIDEH Rule”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7109, the “Equal Representation Act”; H.R. 7868, the “FEHB Protection Act”; H.R. 7524, the “GSA Technology Accountability Act”; H.R. 7867, the “Renewing Efficiency in Government by Budgeting Act”; H.R. 272, the “Astronaut Safe Temporary Ride Options Act”; H.R. 7869, the “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Retirement Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 7887, the “Allowing Contractors to Choose Employees for Select Skills Act”; H.R. 3019, the “Federal Prison Oversight Act”; H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 1823, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the “Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building”; H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the “Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building”; H.R. 6633, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9355 113th Street in Seminole, Florida, as the “Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 7180, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the “Kingsland ‘Johnny Cash’ Post Office”; H.R. 7199, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the “Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office”; H.R. 7385, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the “John Mercer

Langston Post Office Building”; H.R. 7417, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the “Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building”; H.R. 7423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”; H.R. 7606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1087 Route 47 South in Rio Grande, New Jersey, as the “Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building”; and H.R. 7607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Block 1025, Lots 18 and 19, Northeast Corner of U.S. Route 9 South and Main Street in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as the “George Henry White Post Office Building”. H.R. 7109, H.R. 7868, H.R. 7524, H.R. 7867, H.R. 272, H.R. 7869, H.R. 7887, and H.R. 3019 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1555, H.R. 1823, H.R. 3354, H.R. 5867, H.R. 6633, H.R. 7180, H.R. 7199, H.R. 7385, H.R. 7417, H.R. 7423, H.R. 7606, and H.R. 7607 were ordered reported, without amendment.

TAX DAY: EXPLORING THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF HIGH TAXES AND A COMPLEX TAX CODE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Tax Day: Exploring the Adverse Effects of High Taxes and a Complex Tax Code”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM HEADQUARTERS BUILDING TO FIELD OFFICES: EXAMINING THE FBI’S REAL ESTATE NEEDS AND STRATEGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “From Headquarters Building to Field Offices: Examining the FBI’s Real Estate Needs and Strategy”. Testimony was heard from Elliot Doomes, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and Nicholas Dimos, Assistant Director, Finance and Facilities Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1083, the “Caring for Survivors Act of 2023”; H.R. 2911, the “Fairness for Servicemembers and Their Families Act of 2023”; H.R. 3651, the “Love Lives On Act of 2023”; H.R. 7100, the “Prioritizing Veterans’ Survivors Act”; H.R. 7150, the “Survivor Benefits Delivery Improvement Act of 2024”; H.R. 7777, the “Veterans’ Compensation

Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024”; H.R. 7793, the “Veterans Appeals Options Expansion Act of 2024”; H.R. 7816, the “Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the duty of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a veteran with a medical examination in connection with certain claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve matters relating to medical examinations for veterans disability compensation, and for other purposes; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of adjudications and appeals of claims for benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain revisions to the manual of the Veterans Benefits Administration and to improve the quality of the adjudication of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Self, Duarte, and Hayes; Daniel T. Shedd, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jaime Areizaga-Soto, Chairman Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in early childhood education, after receiving testimony from New Mexico House Speaker Javier Martinez, Albuquerque; and Melissa Boteach, National Women’s Law Center, Lindsey M. Burke, The Heritage Foundation Center for Education Policy, and Colleen Hroncich, Cato Institute Center for Educational Freedom, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be followed by a closed session at 12 noon in SVC-217, 8 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine bolstering chronic care through Medicare Physician Payment, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine countering transnational criminal networks and corruption in the Western Hemisphere, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Dena M. Coggins, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Eric C. Schulte, and Camela C. Theeler, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Georgia N. Alexakis, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Krissa M. Lanham, and Angela M. Martinez, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, and John Gleeson, of New York, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and David O. Barnett, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, Clinton J. Fuchs, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland, Matthew L. Gannon, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, David C. Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, and Gary D. Grimes, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, all of the Department of Justice, 9:45 a.m., SD-G50.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, budget hearing on the United States Agency for International Development, 1:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 2 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Navy and Marine Corps Military Construction and Family Housing, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise—TRANSCOM and MARAD”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “A Review of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise’s Posture and Capabilities in Strategic Competition and in Synchronizing Intelligence Efforts to Counter the People’s Republic of China”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Unlocking Opportunity: Allowing Independent Contractors to Access Benefits”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Where Are We Now: Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Modernization, markup on H.R. 7593, the “Modernizing the Congressional Research Service’s Access to Data Act”; and H.R. 7592, a bill to replace the requirement for the Library of Congress to prepare hardbound versions of the Constitution Annotated and supplements with a requirement to instead prepare and publish digital versions online, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “Fighting for a Free Press: Protecting Journalists and Their Sources”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Energizing the Territories: Promoting Affordable and Reliable Energy Sources for the U.S. Insular Areas”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Expanding on the Success of the 2017 Tax Relief to Help Hardworking Americans”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Thursday, April 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: At 11 a.m., His Excellency Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan, will address a Joint Meeting of Congress in the Hall of the House of Representatives. Senators should gather in the Senate Chamber at 10:20 a.m. and will proceed as a body to the House Chamber at 10:30 a.m.

Senators should expect roll call votes during Thursday's session.

House Chamber

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