

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4446–4458, S.J. Res. 91, and S. Res. 718–724. **Page S3954**

Measures Passed:

National Seersucker Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 719, designating June 13, 2024, as “National Seersucker Day”, designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2024 as “Seersucker Thursday”, and designating June 2024 as “Seersucker Appreciation Month”. **Page S3961**

Congratulating Trine University Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 720, congratulating Trine University men’s basketball team for winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Men’s Basketball National Championship. **Page S3961**

Congratulating the Grace College Lancers Women’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 721, congratulating the Grace College Lancers women’s basketball team for winning the 2024 National Christian College Athletic Association Division I National Championship. **Page S3961**

Expressing Gratitude for the Heroism of the U.S. Armed Forces on June 6, 1944, at Normandy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 722, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II. **Page S3961**

Universal Design for Learning: Senate agreed to S. Res. 723, celebrating 40 years of Universal Design for Learning. **Page S3961**

National Brain Tumor Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 724, designating May 2024 as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”. **Page S3961**

Calling for the Release of Evan Gersbkovich: Senate agreed to S. Res. 385, calling for the immediate release of Evan Gersbkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023. **Page S3961**

Calling for the Release of Marc Fogel: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 18, calling for the immediate release of Marc Fogel, a United States citizen and teacher, who was given an unjust and disproportionate criminal sentence by the Government of the Russian Federation in June 2022, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3961–62**

Patriot Bill of Rights: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3237, to amend the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 to ensure claimants are adequately informed regarding filing a Federal cause of action, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3962**

Blumenthal (for Tillis) Amendment No. 2072, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3962**

Appointments:

Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader and jointly with the Speaker of the House, pursuant to Public Law 117–263, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as Co-Chairperson of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Senator Hagerty (Co-Chairperson). **Page S3961**

Pipe Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Judith E. Pipe, of

the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 187), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the confirmation vote on the nomination be at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 5, 2024; that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, occur upon disposition of the nomination of Judith E. Pipe; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, all time be considered expired and the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4381, to protect an individual's ability to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 3:45 p.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Judith E. Pipe, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

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Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 184), Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2029.

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By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 186), Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 185), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Karla M. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Catherine Henry, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

Julia M. Lipez, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—187)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, after agreeing to the motion to adjourn. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3962.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PATHWAYS TO FARMING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade concluded a hearing to examine pathways to farming, focusing on helping the next generation of farmers, after receiving testimony from Christian Good, Christian Good Farms, Macon, Mississippi; Tessa Parks, National Farmers Union, Northfield,

Minnesota; Kevin Lussier, American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee, Hawthorne, Florida; and Raechel Sattazahn, Horizon Farm Credit, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS: SPACE MATTERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for space matters, after receiving testimony from Chris Scolese, Director of the National Reconnaissance Office; and Frank Calvelli, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisitions and Integration, Derek M. Tournear, Director of the Space Development Agency, and Chief Master Sergeant Ronald E. Lerch, Space Systems Command Intelligence Lead, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Rosner, of Massachusetts, Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, and Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James R. Ives, of Vir-

ginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, who was introduced by Representative Clyburn, and Kashi Way, of Maryland, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on United States-China relations from Nicholas Burns, Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sherri Malloy Beatty-Arthur, Rahkel Bouchet, Erin Camille Johnston, Ray D. McKenzie, and John Cuong Truong, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WOMEN'S FREEDOMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine women's freedoms, focusing on access to abortions across America, after receiving testimony from Nisha Verma, Physicians for Reproductive Health, Atlanta, Georgia; Destiny Lopez, Guttmacher Institute, Washington, D.C.; Allison Linton, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, on behalf of Physicians for Reproductive Health; Christina Francis, American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Melissa Ohden, The Abortion Survivors Network, Kansas City, Missouri; and Madysyn Anderson, Houston, Texas.

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: 17 public bills, H.R. 8603–8619; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1275–1277 were introduced. **Pages H3654–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3656–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 784, to require any person that maintains an internet website or that sells or distributes a mobile application that is owned, wholly or partially, by the Chinese Communist Party or by a non-state-owned entity located in the People's Republic of China, to disclose that fact to any individual who downloads or otherwise uses such website or application, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–536);

H.R. 7984, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve access to disaster assistance for individuals located in rural areas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–537);

H.R. 7989, to provide for a memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the National Council on Disability to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–538);

H.R. 8014, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for cancelled covered solicitations, to amend the Small Business Act to provide assistance to small business concerns relating to certain cancelled solicitations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–539); and

H.R. 6418, to modify the program of grants to support high-quality charter schools, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–540). **Page H3654**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3585**

Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Scalise, Majority Leader, in which he jointly with the Senate Republican Leader appointed the following individual to serve as Co-Chairperson of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Honorable Bill Hagerty of Tennessee. **Page H3587**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. **Page H3594**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H3633**

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025: The

House considered H.R. 8580, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 5th. **Pages H3601–37**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–35, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–535, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H3605–15**

Agreed to:

Carter (TX) amendment en bloc No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535: Boebert (No. 3) that transfers \$2 million from VA bureaucracy to resources for medical and prosthetic research to ensure our veterans receive cutting edge medical care from the VA; Boebert (No. 4) that transfers \$2 million from VA bureaucracy to the office of the inspector general to combat waste, fraud, and abuse; Boebert (No. 5) that transfers \$2 million from VA bureaucracy to grants for construction of veteran's cemetery programs to assist state and tribal governments in providing burial benefits for veterans in rural areas lacking a VA national cemetery; Boebert (No. 6) that transfers \$2 million to provide additional funding for the construction of new state extended care facilities; Boebert (No. 7) that transfers \$2 million from VA bureaucracy to the board of veterans appeals to help reduce its backlog so that veteran claims can be adjudicated in a timely manner; Gluesenkamp Perez (No. 11) that increases and decreases funding for the Veterans Health Administration for the purposes of submitting a report to Congress on the efforts of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure access to health care for veterans residing in geographic proximity to a Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic subject to closure; Gluesenkamp Perez (No. 12) that increases and decreases funding for the VA Highly Rural Transportation Grant Program to underscore need to modernize the program, including updating the definition of highly rural, to provide dependable access to health care for veterans living in rural areas; Vicente Gonzalez (TX) (No. 13) that increases funding for the Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries by \$2 million to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to Congress on the need for veterans' cemeteries in areas of high veteran population as determined by the Secretary; offsets the Information Technology Systems Funds Operations and Maintenance account by \$2 million; Vicente Gonzalez (TX)

(No. 14) that increases and decreases funding by \$1 million for the Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries for the purposes of emphasizing the need for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow internment of Military Working Dogs in veteran cemeteries; Gottheimer (No. 15) that increases and decreases funding for General Operating Expenses by \$1 million to provide additional support for the VA Transition Assistance Program to provide information, resources, and tools to service members and their families to help prepare for the move from military to civilian life; LaLota (No. 23) that increases and decreases the Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to express support and expedite pace of construction for delayed projects for state veterans homes across the country; LaLota (No. 24) that increases and decreases the Department of Defense Base Closure account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to speed up PFAS remediation efforts at closed military installations where PFAS contamination affects local drinking water sources; LaLota (No. 25) that increases and decreases the Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to support peer-to-peer mental health programs, which support veterans by providing them with a safe space to share their experiences and receive support from fellow veterans who understand their unique challenges, fostering a sense of community and resilience; LaLota (No. 26) that increases and decreases the Veterans Health Administration, Medical and Prosthetic Research account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to support Herbicide-Related Toxic Exposure Research, which investigates the long-term health impacts of exposure to harmful chemicals, leading to improved medical care, accurate diagnoses, and targeted treatments for conditions linked to such exposures; LaLota (No. 27) that increases and decreases the Veterans Health Administration, Medical, Medical Facilities account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to support Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), which support veterans by offering accessible, comprehensive healthcare services close to their homes, ensuring they receive consistent medical care, mental health services, and personalized treatment plans tailored to their needs; Norton (No. 30) that increases and decreases funding by \$1 million for the Veterans Benefits Administration to provide support to law school clinical programs that assist veterans with legal matters; and Wagner (No. 47) that increases and decreases Military Construction Defense-wide by \$200,000,000 to provide inflation relief for unanticipated inflation-related costs incurred during the Presidential National Emergency Declaration lasting from March 13, 2020, to May

11, 2023, for firm fixed price military construction projects that were part of the Defense Priority and Allocation System program; **Page H3615**

Bergman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases the Medical and Prosthetic Research account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to express support for recently announced VA-funded research into psychedelic-assisted therapies to treat PTSD and depression, and to encourage VA to prioritize the proactive training of therapists to administer these treatments; **Pages H3615–16**

Bergman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases the Medical Services account at the Department of Veterans Affairs to urge VA to report to Congress no later than 180 days following approval of midomafetamine-assisted treatments to treat PTSD under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act on possible incorporation of treatments in the formulary of the Department and the justification for such determination; **Pages H3616–17**

Burchett amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that prohibits funds from being used to ban or remove the photograph “V–J Day in Times Square”; **Pages H3617–18**

Hageman amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that prohibits funding made available by this act from being used by the VA to continue decommissioning mileage reimbursement kiosks at VA facilities; **Pages H3620–21**

James amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases \$3,250,000 to Medical Facilities for the building of a Community-based Outpatient Clinics and Mobile Medical Units to become more available for leasing, purchasing, and construction for VA hospital networks; **Page H3621**

Kiggans (VA) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the purpose of encouraging the approval and development of privatized housing for unaccompanied service members; **Pages H3621–22**

Kiggans (VA) amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the purpose of ensuring that the Department of Veterans Affairs maintains sufficient medical care for veterans who reside in U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States; **Pages H3622–23**

Kiggans (VA) amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the purpose of ensuring that the Department of Veterans Affairs fully funds and competently executes mental health care programs, with a special emphasis on suicide prevention and associated outreach; **Pages H3623–24**

Kiggans (VA) amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the purpose of expressing the urgency of expeditiously and efficiently utilizing increased demolition funding on Navy and Marine Corps bases;

Pages H3624–25

Molinaro amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) account by \$10 million to reinforce the importance of strengthening the VHA's Office of Mental Health and its work to assist veterans with disabilities and mental health and substance abuse challenges;

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Ogles amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund for the development of improved informational materials regarding the relative benefits of a VA home loan versus other types of housing loans for different homebuyer profiles;

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Ogles amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increase and decreases funding for medical services at the Veterans Health Administration for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans;

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Ogles amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the Veterans Health Administration's medical community care account to increase accessibility for in-home health care services for veterans;

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Ogles amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for the Board of Veterans Appeals to prioritize increasing processing speed for veteran casework;

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Ogles amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding for grants for construction of State Extended Care Facilities to focus on creating or maintaining nursing homes for America's World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans;

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Perry amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services, by \$1 million for furnishing Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) therapy to personnel who elect to receive the treatment;

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Peters amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases appropriations for the Veterans Health Administration—Medical Services—HUD—VA Supportive Housing (HUD—VASH) program by \$1,000,000 to encourage local VA systems and public housing authorities to work together to streamline the voucher

application process to reduce barriers for veterans seeking housing assistance;

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Peters amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases appropriations for the Veterans Health Administration—Medical Services—Supportive Services for Low Income Veterans and Families (SSVF) program by \$1,000,000 to recognize the importance of SSVF's Shallow Subsidy program in keeping veterans in their homes and preventing veterans from falling into homelessness;

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Pfluger amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding to direct the Department of Veteran Affairs to collaborate with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a comprehensive study determining and identifying exposures associated with being a military aviator, connections between these exposures and various cancers, and prevalence of and mortality from specified cancers among those who served as active-duty aircrew;

Pages H3630–31

Rodgers (WA) amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases the Medical Community Care account to express the need for the VA to address emergency care coverage;

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Rodgers (WA) amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases the Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, account to emphasize the importance of housing oversight;

Pages H3631–32

Bost amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that requires VA to apply the same access standards for Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MHR RTP) as for primary care, specialty care, and non institutional extended care services (by a recorded vote of ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 237);

Pages H3617, H3633–34

Crane amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that prohibits the VA from using funds to submit a beneficiary's name to the NICS list based on VA's appointment of a fiduciary (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 238);

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Mast amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that ensures veterans can participate in state-approved medical marijuana programs (by a recorded vote of 290 ayes to 116 noes, Roll No. 240); and

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Self amendment (No. 42 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that prohibits funds to modify or remove any display of the Department of Veterans Affairs that bears the mission statement "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise 'to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and

his orphan' by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans.'" (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 241).

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Rejected:

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that sought to strike funding for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program (by a recorded vote of 46 ayes to 354 noes, Roll No. 239).

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H. Res. 1269, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8580) and (H.R. 8282) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 236, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 235.

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Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act: The House passed H.R. 8282, to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 155 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 242.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–37 shall be considered as adopted.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Deluzio wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Mfume wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business.

Pages H3638–39

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Zinke wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1275, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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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, June 5th.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1276, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Manning presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1240) a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4121) to protect an individual's ability to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception (Discharge Petition No. 12).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3594–95, H3595–96, H3633–34, H3634, H3635, H3635–36, H3636, and H3638.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a markup on the Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup on the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF BIDEN'S BORDER CHAOS FOR K–12 SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "The Consequences of Biden's Border Chaos for K–12 Schools". Testimony was heard from Danyela Souza Egorov, Vice President, New York City Community Education Council 2, New York; Mari Barke, Trustee, Orange County Board of Education, California; and public witnesses.

POWERING AI: EXAMINING AMERICA'S ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled "Powering AI: Examining America's Energy and Technology Future". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of 340B Drug Pricing Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONEY IS POLICY: ASSESSING SHORTCOMINGS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT’S FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROCESS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Money is Policy: Assessing Shortcomings in the State Department’s Foreign Assistance Grants Process”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON OSHA’S PROPOSED RULE TO UPDATE THE FIRE BRIGADES STANDARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on OSHA’s Proposed Rule to Update the Fire Brigades Standard”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATTING THE GREY ZONE: EXAMINING CHINESE THREATS TO THE MARITIME DOMAIN

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Combatting the Grey Zone: Examining Chinese Threats to the Maritime Domain”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2025 Budget Request for the U.S. Forest Service”. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 6395, the “Recognizing the Importance of Critical

Minerals in Healthcare Act of 2023”; H.R. 8446, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes; and H.R. 8450, the “Phosphate and Potash Protection Act of 2024”. Testimony was heard from Representative Ciscomani; Colin Williams, Mineral Resources Program Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Moffett Field, California; and public witnesses.

BIDEN’S BORDER CRISIS: EXAMINING EFFORTS TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL CARTELS AND STOP ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING TARGETING INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Biden’s Border Crisis: Examining Efforts to Combat International Criminal Cartels and Stop Illegal Drug Trafficking Targeting Indian Country”. Testimony was heard from Darryl LaCounte Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Joshua Roberge, Chief of Police, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Montana; Lieutenant John Nores (Retired), Special Operations, Marijuana Enforcement Team, Department of Fish and Wildlife, California; and a public witness.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025”. Testimony was heard from Rick Spinrad, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

WEAPONIZING FEDERAL RESOURCES: EXPOSING THE SBA’S VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Weaponizing Federal Resources: Exposing the SBA’S Voter Registration Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Diego Morales, Secretary of State, Indiana; and public witnesses.

BONUS BLUNDER: EXAMINING VA’S IMPROPER DECISION TO AWARD SENIOR EXECUTIVES MILLIONS IN INCENTIVES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bonus Blunder: Examining VA’s

Improper Decision to Award Senior Executives Millions in Incentives”. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

HEARING ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS IN 2024 AND BEYOND

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Hearing on The Social Security Trust Funds in 2024 and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Barry Huston, Analyst of Social Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

HEARING ON REFORMING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TO SUPPORT AMERICAN WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Reforming Unemployment Insurance to Support American Workers and Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise held a markup on legislation on the FY 2025 Intelligence Authorization Act. Legislation on the FY 2025 Intelligence Authorization Act was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a markup on legislation on the FY 2025 Intelligence Authorization Act. Legislation on the FY 2025 Intelligence Authorization Act was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

Joint Meetings

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence and its potential to fuel economic growth and improve governance, after receiving testimony from Jen Gaudioso, Director, Center for Computing Research, Sandia National Laboratories, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Brian J. Miller, American Enterprise Institute, and Adam Thierer, R Street Institute, both of Washington,

D.C.; and Ayanna Howard, The Ohio State University, Columbus.

SUPPORTING GEORGIA’S SOVEREIGNTY AND DEMOCRACY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine supporting Georgia’s sovereignty and democracy, after receiving testimony from Ivane Chkhikvadze, European Endowment for Democracy; Natalie Sabanadze, Chat-ham House; and William Courtney, RAND Corporation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine how climate is already challenging insurance markets, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the budget of the Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine revitalizing and renewing GSP, AGOA and other trade preference programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine streamlining the Federal cybersecurity regulatory process, focusing on the path to harmonization, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine pending calendar nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine strengthening United States economic leadership, focusing on the role of competition in enhancing economic resiliency, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: with the Special Committee on Aging, to hold a joint hearing to examine heroes at home, focusing on improving services for veterans and their caregivers, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Bradford Wiegmann, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: with the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing to examine heroes at home, focusing on improving services for veterans and their caregivers, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2025, 8 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This markup is closed.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2025, 8:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Next Generation Infrastructure: How Tokenization of Real-World Assets Will Facilitate Efficient Markets”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through May 31, 2024

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	82	75	..
Time in session	441 hrs, 53'	293 hrs, 4'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	3,913	3,543	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	576	..
Public bills enacted into law	10	20	30
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	188	263	451
Senate bills	42	12	..
House bills	20	193	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	1	..
House joint resolutions	2	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	7	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	7	9	..
Simple resolutions	107	40	..
Measures reported, total	*86	192	278
Senate bills	73	..	..
House bills	9	170	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	3	18	..
Special reports	3	4	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	300	74	..
Measures introduced, total	1,123	2,087	3,210
Bills	877	1,680	..
Joint resolutions	37	56	..
Concurrent resolutions	12	28	..
Simple resolutions	197	323	..
Quorum calls	5	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	182	172	..
Recorded votes .....	..	59	..
Bills vetoed	1	2	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through May 31, 2024

Civilian nominees, totaling 298 (including 95 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	100
Unconfirmed	195
Withdrawn	3
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,205 (including 745 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	781
Unconfirmed	344
Withdrawn	80
Air Force nominees, totaling 3,139 (including 111 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,986
Unconfirmed	153
Army nominees, totaling 5,017 (including 1,906 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,968
Unconfirmed	1,049
Navy nominees, totaling 1,027 (including 7 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	207
Unconfirmed	820
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 152 (including 6 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	147
Unconfirmed	5
Space Force nominees, totaling 13 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	12
Unconfirmed	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	2,872
Total nominees received this Session	7,979
Total confirmed	8,201
Total unconfirmed	2,567
Total withdrawn	83
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 31 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 196 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Judith E. Pipe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Judith E. Pipe, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4381, Right to Contraception Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, June 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 8580—Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025.

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