

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1403–S1427

Measures Introduced: Fifty-eight bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1328–1385, S. Res. 179–185, and S. Con. Res. 9.

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Measures Reported:

S. 349, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–14)

S. 933, to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to modify requirements relating to data centers of certain Federal agencies. (S. Rept. No. 118–15)

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Measures Passed:

National Safe Digging Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

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Arbor Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, celebrating the 151st anniversary of Arbor Day.

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Measures Considered:

Equal Rights Amendment: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res 4, removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. **Pages S1403–06**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 99), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1406**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1406**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, authorizing the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security to order to active duty such units and individual members of the Ready Reserve to ensure the Department of Defense can properly sustain its support of the Department of Homeland Security concerning international drug trafficking along the Southwest Border; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–9)

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Johnstone Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1406–07**

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 100), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1406–07**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 1, 2023; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.; and that that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 ripen on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—100) Page S1406

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 3:26 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1427.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded 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 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Christopher G. Cavoli, USA, Commander, United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Credit Reporting Agencies, after receiving

testimony from Mark W. Begor, Equifax Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Chris Cartwright, TransUnion, Chicago, Illinois; and Brian J. Cassin, Experian, Dublin, Ireland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Eric W. Kneeder, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Karen Sasahara, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Martina Anna Tkadlec Strong, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Amanda K. Brailsford, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 67 public bills, H.R. 2922–2988; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 60; H. Con. Res. 36; and H. Res. 333–336, were introduced. Pages H2082–85

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H2088–89

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:06 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Yoon Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea. The House reconvened at 12:31 p.m., and agreed that the pro-

ceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. Page H2053

Recess: The House recessed at 1:46 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. Page H2069

Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove all United States Armed Forces, other than United States Armed Forces assigned to protect the United States Embassy, from Somalia: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 30, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove all United States Armed

Forces, other than United States Armed Forces assigned to protect the United States Embassy, from Somalia, by a yea-and-nay vote of 102 yeas to 321 nays, Roll No. 201. **Pages H2056–69**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that in response to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021 (Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade) he is authorizing the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security to order to active duty such units and individual members of the Ready Reserve under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned as the Secretary concerned considers necessary, consistent with the terms of section 12302 of title 10, United States Code—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–35). **Page H2069**

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 11 was held at the desk. S. 418 was held at the desk. S. 1311 was held at the desk. **Page H2069**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2069.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H2069–70.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: IDENTIFYING THE REGULATORY GAPS IN SPOT MARKET REGULATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development held a hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Identifying the Regulatory Gaps in Spot Market Regulation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration. Testimony was heard from Anne Milgram, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion. Testimony was heard from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Lina Khan, Chair, Federal Trade Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall III, Secretary of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force; General Charles Q. Brown, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; and General Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force.

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

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a 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”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Ronald M. Moultrie, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security; General Paul M. Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service; and Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ADDRESSING AMERICA’S DATA PRIVACY SHORTFALLS: HOW A NATIONAL STANDARD FILLS GAPS TO PROTECT AMERICANS’ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Addressing America’s Data Privacy Shortfalls: How a National Standard Fills Gaps to Protect Americans’ Personal Information”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BIOSAFETY OF RISKY RESEARCH: EXAMINING IF SCIENCE IS OUTPACING POLICY AND SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“The Biosafety of Risky Research: Examining if Science is Outpacing Policy and Safety”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: IDENTIFYING THE REGULATORY GAPS IN DIGITAL ASSET MARKET STRUCTURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Identifying the Regulatory Gaps in Digital Asset Market Structure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK (FINCEN) AND THE OFFICE OF TERRORISM AND FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE (TFI)

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)”. Testimony was heard from Brian E. Nelson, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury; and Himamauli Das, Acting Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2794, the “Border Reinforcement Act of 2023”. H.R. 2794 was ordered reported, as amended.

CISA 2025: THE STATE OF AMERICAN CYBERSECURITY FROM CISA’S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “CISA 2025: The State of American Cybersecurity from CISA’s Perspective”. Testimony was heard from Jen Easterly, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS: STATE TOOLS TO PROMOTE VOTER CONFIDENCE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: State Tools to Promote Voter Confidence”. Testimony was heard from Donald Palmer, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Mac Warner, Secretary of State, West Virginia; and public witnesses.

FIXING FISA: HOW A LAW DESIGNED TO PROTECT AMERICANS HAS BEEN WEAPONIZED AGAINST THEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Fixing FISA: How a Law Designed to Protect Americans Has Been Weaponized Against Them”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice; Sharon Bradford Franklin, Chair, U.S. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board; and Beth A. Williams, Board Member, U.S. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office”. Testimony was heard from Kathi Vidal, Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”; H.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”; H.J. Res. 49, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”; H.R. 215, the “WATER for California Act”; H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; H.R. 1245, the “Grizzly Bear State Management Act of 2023”; H.R. 1319, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 1419, the “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1567, the “ACRES Act”.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget Request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration”. Testimony was heard from Bill Nelson, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

HEARING ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AT THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WITH IRS COMMISSIONER WERFEL

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Accountability and Transparency at the Internal Revenue Service with IRS Commissioner Werfel”. Testimony was heard from Danny Werfel, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Defense Intelligence Agency Budget Hearing”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee concluded a hearing to examine church, state, and Russia’s war on Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Yevstratiy (Zoria), Metropolitan of Bila Tserkva; and Igor Bandura, Baptist Union of Ukraine.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Tribal Perspectives on Housing and Transportation”, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Antimicrobial Resistance: Taking on the next Emerging Public Health Threat”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program: FEMA’s Perspective”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1690, to authorize Secretary of State to negotiate regional immigration agreements, and for other purposes; and H.R. 589, to impose sanctions on the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism, 9:30 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, continue markup on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”; H.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”; H.J. Res. 49, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”; H.R. 215, the “WATER for California Act”; H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; H.R. 1245, the “Grizzly Bear State Management Act of 2023”; H.R. 1319, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 1419, the “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1567, the “ACRES Act”, 9:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1669, the “VET–TEC Authorization Act”; H.R. 562, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 1089, the “VA Medical Center Facility Transparency Act”; H.R. 1530, the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Veterans’ Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act”; H.R. 1256, the “Veterans Health Administration Leadership Transformation Act”; and H.R. 366, the “Korean American VALOR Act”, 10 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency, hearing entitled “People’s Republic of China Counterintelligence Capabilities”, 9 a.m., HVC–304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 28

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 39—Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to “Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414”.

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