

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2373–S2420

Measures Introduced: Thirty-two bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3934–3965, S.J. Res. 64–65, and S. Res. 588–590.

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Measures Reported:

S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–160)

S. 3648, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–161) **Page S2400**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 84, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Services Company, known collectively as the “Ghost Army”, in recognition of unique and highly distinguished service during World War II. **Page S2416**

Berner Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S2382–87**

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

By 48 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 93), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2386**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time on the nomination be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. **Page S2387**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 2024; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, March 14, 2024 ripen on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. **Page S2417**

Kiel Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S2387**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S2386**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2387**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2387**

Lee Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S2387–99**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S2387**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2387**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2387**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 89 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 92), Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti. **Pages S2382, S2420**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of three years.

Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2029.

Kelly Adams-Smith, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Peter W. Lord, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Jeremy Neitzke, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of commander.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—93) Pages S2382, S2386

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5 p.m., until 9:25 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2418.)

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 Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Gregory M. Guillot, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and

North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General Laura J. Richardson, USA, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

HHS BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States strategy in the Pacific Islands region, after receiving testimony from Daniel J. Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Ely S. Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Michael Schiffer, Bureau for Asia Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

INCREASING WILDFIRE THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine responding to the increasing wildfire threat, including opportunities to improve Federal response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, after receiving testimony from Lori Moore-Merrell, U.S. Fire Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; David Wm. Fogerson, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Carson City; Jamie Barnes, Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Salt Lake City; and Lucinda Andreani, Coconino County Flood Control District, Flagstaff, Arizona.

32-HOUR WORK WEEK

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workers benefitting from new technology and increased productivity, including S. 3947, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to reduce the standard workweek from 40 hours per week to 32 hours per week, after receiving testimony from Shawn Fain, UAW, Detroit, Michigan; Juliet Schor, Boston College, Newton, Massachusetts; Jon Leland, Kickstarter and WorkFour, New York, New York; Liberty Vittert, Washington University in St. Louis Olin Business School, St. Louis, Missouri; and G. Roger King, HR Policy Association, Arlington, Virginia.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Joint Hearing: On Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion and multiple veterans service organizations: JWV, TAPS, NCHV, MOAA, NACVSO, NCAI, VVA, NGAUS, and FRA, after receiving testimony from Daniel J. Seehafer, Chanin Nuntavong, Patricia Harris, Julia Mathis, Autrey James, Tiffany Ellett, John Bowen, and Joe Sharpe, all of the American Legion; Colonel Barry Lischinsky, USA (Ret.),

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.; Rebecca Harrison Mullaney, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors; Kathryn Monet, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans; Commander Rene A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America; Michael McLaughlin, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers; Melvin Sheldon, Jr., National Congress of American Indians; Jack McManus, Vietnam Veterans of America; Major General Francis M. McGinn (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States; and John S. Handzuk, Fleet Reserve Association.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:25 a.m., Friday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, March 15

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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