

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:30:02 a.m., in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:30:38 a.m., until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 9076–9091; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 121; and H. Res. 1365–1369 and 1371–1374, were introduced. **Pages H4728–30**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4730–32**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4424, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–600);

H.R. 1631, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reaffirm the importance of, and include requirements for, works incorporated by reference into law, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–601); and

H. Res. 1370, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8997) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–602).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carl to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4643**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4645**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. Jackson Lee, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H4646**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. **Page H4646**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. **Page H4646**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Designating the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas, as the “Captain Elwin Shopteese VA Clinic”: S. 3249, to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas, as the “Captain Elwin Shopteese VA Clinic”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 363 yeas with none voting “nay” and one answering “present”, Roll No. 356; **Pages H4646–47, H4707**

Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the “Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center”: H.R. 7333, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs

medical center in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the “Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center”;

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Renaming the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butte, Montana, as the “Charlie Dowd VA Clinic”: S. 3285, to rename the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butte, Montana, as the “Charlie Dowd VA Clinic”;

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Royalty Resiliency Act: H.R. 7377, amended, to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to improve the management of royalties from oil and gas leases;

Pages H4650–51

Financial Technology Protection Act: H.R. 2969, amended, to establish an Independent Financial Technology Working Group to Combat Terrorism and Illicit Financing;

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HUD Transparency Act of 2024: H.R. 7280, amended, to require the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to testify before the Congress annually;

Pages H4653–54

Foreign Extortion Prevention Technical Corrections Act: S. 4548, to make a technical correction to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 by repealing section 5101 and enacting an updated version of the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act;

Pages H4656–58

Water Resources Development Act of 2024: H.R. 8812, amended, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 359 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 358;

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Guidance Out Of Darkness Act: H.R. 890, amended, to increase access to agency guidance documents;

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U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson Memorial VA Clinic Act: H.R. 4136, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Plano, Texas, as the “U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson Memorial VA Clinic”;

Pages H4712–15

Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act: S. 1258, amended, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule;

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All-American Flag Act: S. 1973, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the “LaBruce ‘Bruce’ Tidwell Post Office Building”: H.R. 6162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the “LaBruce ‘Bruce’ Tidwell Post Office Building”; and

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Designating 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. 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”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspension: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act: H.R. 1631, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reaffirm the importance of, and include requirements for, works incorporated by reference into law, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 248 yeas to 127 nays, Roll No. 357.

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Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee: The House agreed to H. Res. 1366, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee.

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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, July 23rd.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Victims’ Voices Outside and Inside the Courtroom Effectiveness Act: S. 3706, to amend section 3663A of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that restitution includes necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by a person who has assumed the victim’s rights;

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Improving Access to Our Courts Act: S. 227, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas; and

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Allowing Contractors to Choose Employees for Select Skills Act: H.R. 7887, amended, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum

experience or educational requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Mace announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4707, H4708, and H4708–09.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 1366, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Secret Service and the Attempted Assassination of President Donald J. Trump”. Testimony was heard from Kimberly Cheatle, Director, U.S. Secret Service.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025; DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025; FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025; AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 8997, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025”; H.R. 8998, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025”; H.R. 8773, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2025”; and H.R. 9027, the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8997, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025”, and H.R. 8998, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8997, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025”, under a structured rule.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–42 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 and pro forma amendments described in section 4. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 8998, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”, 2025, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–41 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of

order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 8 and pro forma amendments described in section 9. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 9 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 8 of the rule are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 9 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cole, and Representatives Kaptur, Fleischmann, Joyce of Ohio, Hoyer, Harris, Hageman, Sarbanes, McCormick, Tlaib, Rose, Rosendale, and Stauber.

REPORT CARD: ASSESSING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION AT THE CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled "Report Card: Assessing Electronic Health Record Modernization at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center". Testimony was heard from Neil Evans, M.D., Acting Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold an oversight hearing to examine how Zelle and the big banks fail to protect consumers from fraud, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Financial Conditions in Farm Country", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, joint hearing entitled "Mobility Aircraft Reliance and Survivability in a Contested Environment", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2025 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Are CDC's Priorities Restoring Public Trust and Improving the Health of the American People?", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2025 Consumer Product Safety Commission Budget", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "AI Innovation Explored: Insights into AI Applications in Financial Services and Housing", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific, joint hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for South and Central Asian Affairs", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing entitled "A Look at U.S. Policy in Georgia and Moldova Ahead of Their 2024 Elections", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Assassination Attempt of July 13", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Congress in a Post-Chevron World", 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons", 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "IP Litigation and the U.S. International Trade Commission", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 1304, the "Rio San José and Rio Jemez Water Settlements Act of 2023";

H.R. 3977, the “Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023”; H.R. 6599, the “Technical Corrections to the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, and Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act”; H.R. 7240, the “Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8685, the “Ohkay Owingeh Rio Chama Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8791, the “Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8920, the “Tule River Tribe Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8940, the “Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8945, the “Navajo Nation Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8949, the “Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8951, the “Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024” and H.R. 8953, the “Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2024”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation on the CORE Act; H.R. 7053, the “Orphan Well Grant Flexibility Act of 2024”; H.R. 8665, the “Supercritical Geothermal Research and Development Act”; and H.R. 8954, the “Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2024”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing entitled “Investigating how the Biden Administration Ignored Cries for Help from Students at Haskell Indian Nations University”, 3:15 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers in Prescription Drug Markets Part III: Transparency and Accountability”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure; and Subcommittee on Eco-

nomic Opportunity of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Leveling the Playing Field: Examining the Landscape of Veteran Owned Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Examining the State of Rail Safety in the Aftermath of the Derailement in East Palestine, Ohio”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, July 23, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 2971, the “Veterans Claims Education Act of 2023”; H.R. 6362, the “Protecting Benefits for Disabled Veterans Act of 2023”; H.R. 8792, the “Flowers for Fallen Heroes Act of 2024”; H.R. 8874, the “Modernizing All Veterans and Survivors Claims Processing Act”; H.R. 8879, the “Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act”; H.R. 8880, the “Simplifying Forms for Veterans Claims Act”; H.R. 8881, the “Rural Veterans’ Improved Access to Benefits Act of 2024”; H.R. 8893, the “Preserving Veterans’ Legacy Act”; H.R. 8910, the “Dayton National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2024”; H.R. 9053, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act”; H.R. 9054, the “Safeguarding Veterans 2nd Amendment Rights Act”; H.R. 9057, the “Gulf War Survivor Benefits Update Act of 2024”; H.R. 9055, the “Veterans’ Burial Improvement Act of 2024”; and H.R. 9056, the “VA Insurance Improvement Act”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Is the Veterans Benefits Administration Properly Processing and Deciding Veterans Claims?”, 1:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Fueling Chaos: Tracing the Flow of Tax-Exempt Dollars to Antisemitism”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Great Firewall and the CCP’s Export of its Techno-Authoritarian Surveillance State”, 9:30 a.m., HVC–210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, July 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m. Tuesday, July 23

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 8997—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025 (Subject to a Rule).

Consideration of H.R. 8998—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025 (Subject to a Rule).

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