

Monday, June 5, 2023

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 3793–3835; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 464–466, were introduced. **Pages H2740–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2743–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 835, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–87);

H.R. 2608, to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–88);

H.R. 2610, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–89);

H.R. 2793, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–90);

H.R. 2812, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small-and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–91);

H.R. 1579, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–92);

H.R. 2593, to create an interdivisional taskforce at the Securities and Exchange Commission for senior investors, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–93);

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. Rept. 118–94);

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. Rept. 118–95);

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. Rept. 118–96);

H.R. 1541, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to apprenticeship program assistance for small business development centers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–97);

H.R. 1606, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–98);

H.R. 1644, to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–99)

H.R. 1651, to amend the Small Business Act to establish requirements for 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–100);

H.R. 1730, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–101); and

H. Res. 463, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–102).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fischbach to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

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

Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act: H.R. 835, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws;

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Accredited Investor Definition Review Act: H.R. 1579, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Con-

sumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor;

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National Senior Investor Initiative Act of 2023: H.R. 2593, amended, to create an interdivisional taskforce at the Securities and Exchange Commission for senior investors;

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Amending the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company: H.R. 2608, amended, to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company;

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Amending the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review: H.R. 2610, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review;

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Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby;

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Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023: H.R. 2793, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 384 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 245; and

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Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act: H.R. 2812, amended, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 246.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 62, providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents

of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 63, providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H2732**

Providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 64, providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Pages H2732–33**

Senate Referral: S. 769 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2716.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2731 and H2732.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REINS ACT OF 2023; SEPARATION OF POWERS RESTORATION ACT OF 2023; GAS STOVE PROTECTION AND FREEDOM ACT; AND SAVE OUR GAS STOVES ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”; H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”; H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”; and H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Gas Stoves Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”, H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”, H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”, and H.R. 1630, the “Save Our Stoves Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”, 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–6 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 resolution further makes in order only those amendments printed in part A

of this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–7 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 provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule further makes in order only the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”, 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Stoves Act”, 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 Energy and Commerce or their designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hageman, Johnson of Georgia, Duncan, Pallone, and Moskowitz.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Providing Clarity for Digital Asset Spot Markets”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States; H.R. 1147, the “Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023”; H.R. 2813, the “Self-Insurance Protection Act”; H.R. 2868, the “Association Health Plans Act”; and H.R. 824, the “Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Listen Here: Why Americans Value AM Radio”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “Clean Power Plan 2.0: EPA’s Latest Attack on America’s Electric Reliability”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Uncertain Debt Management: Treasury Markets and Financial Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Examining DHS’ Failure to Prepare for the Termination of Title 42”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part II—Prioritizing U.S. Innovation Over Assisting Foreign Adversaries”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “Government Litigation and the Need for Reform”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Examining the Impacts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Proposed Changes to the North Atlantic Right Whale Vessel Strike Reduction Rule”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: Law Enforcement Staffing Challenges at the Border”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, joint hearing entitled “ESG Part II: The Cascading Impacts of ESG Compliance”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the Weather Act: Users of Weather Data and Areas for Improvement by Sector”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “American Ingenuity: Promoting Innovation Through the Tax Code”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Amtrak Operations: Examining the Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Efficiency and Service”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, joint hearing entitled “From Months to Hours: The Future of VA Benefits Claims Processing”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, June 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 6

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1615—Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (Subject to a Rule).

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