

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5861–5873; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 754–755, were introduced. **Pages H4950–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4951**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2577, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–237);

H.R. 4467, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–238);

H.R. 3385, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of developing a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–239);

H.R. 3557, to streamline Federal, State, and local permitting and regulatory reviews to expedite the deployment of communications facilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–240, Part 1); and

H.R. 3943, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reemployment rights of mem-

bers of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–241).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4935**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4939–40, H4948**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4939**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H4941**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4946**

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

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24355 Creekside Road in Santa Clarita, California, as the "William L. Reynolds Post Office Building": H.R. 292, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24355 Creekside Road in Santa Clarita, California, as the "William L. Reynolds Post Office Building"; **Pages H4941–42**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3901 MacArthur Blvd., in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office": H.R. 996, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3901 MacArthur Blvd., in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office";

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office”: H.R. 2379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay” and one answering “present”, Roll No. 514;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Church Street in Mount Vernon, Georgia, as the “Second Lieutenant Patrick Palmer Calhoun Post Office”: H.R. 3944, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Church Street in Mount Vernon, Georgia, as the “Second Lieutenant Patrick Palmer Calhoun Post Office”; and

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Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act: H.R. 4502, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal agencies to establish educational requirements for certain cybersecurity positions in the competitive service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 515;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the use of educational requirements or qualifications in evaluating candidates for certain cybersecurity positions in the competitive service, and for other purposes.”

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Gaetz announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the designation of funding as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 114(c) of division A of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–67).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4940.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4946–47 and H4947–48.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4394, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”; and H.R. 4364, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4394, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”, and H.R. 4364, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4394, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”, 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 the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report 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 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 B of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her 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 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. 4364, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report 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 Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 699 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Amodei,

Espaillat, Fleischmann, Kaptur, Lamborn, McCormick, Griffith, Rosendale, Molinaro, and Grothman.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine back to school with the SHOP SAFE Act, focusing on protecting our families from unsafe online counterfeits, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, October 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs), and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Begin consideration of H.R. 4394—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024.

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