

Monday, January 29, 2024

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7100–7125; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 979, 981–983, were introduced. **Pages H270–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H273–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–360);

H.R. 6513, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections (H. Rept. 118–361); and

H. Res. 980, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5585) to impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6678) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed Social Security fraud are inadmissible and deportable; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6679) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6976) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while in-

toxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable (H. Rept. 118–362). **Page H270**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Bentz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H255**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H256**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H257**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H265**

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

Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act: H.R. 5528, amended, to evaluate the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 20;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes.”; **Page H266**

Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act: S. 3427, to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 21;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in

Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”: H.R. 3865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”; and **Page H261**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”: H.R. 3947, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”. **Page H262**

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

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”: H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H260–61**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”: H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”; **Pages H262–63**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”: H.R. 599, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”; and **Page H264**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”: H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”. **Pages H264–65**

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res 26 was held at the desk. S. 2853 was held at the desk. S. 3646 was held at the desk. **Page H257**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 257.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H265–66 and H266–67.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGENT RAUL GONZALEZ OFFICER SAFETY ACT; PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM DUIS ACT; CONSEQUENCES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT; NO IMMIGRATION BENEFITS FOR HAMAS TERRORISTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act”; H.R. 6976, the “Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act”; H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”; and H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act”, H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”, H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”, and H.R. 6976, the “Protect our Communities from DUIs Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety 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 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 118–21 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. 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration

of H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”, 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 118–23 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 makes in order only the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”, 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 118–24 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 makes in order only the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part C of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6976, the “Protect our Communities from DUIs Act”, 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

118–22 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 makes in order only the amendment printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. 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, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part D of the report. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock, Nadler, Garcia of Texas, and Jackson Lee.

THE FUTURE OF DATA PRIVACY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “The Future of Data Privacy and Artificial Intelligence at VA”. Testimony was heard from Charles Worthington, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Exposing President Biden’s Plan to Dismantle the Snake River Dams and the Negative Impacts to the United States”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Fighting the Misuse of Biden’s Green Bank Giveaway”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Better Investment Barriers:

Strengthening CCP Sanctions and Exploring Alternatives to Bureaucratic Regimes”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, joint hearing entitled “UNRWA Exposed: Examining the Agency’s Mission and Failures”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 863, Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence (AI): Innovations within the Legislative Branch”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “The Southern Border Crisis: The Constitution and the States”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining the Opportunities and Challenges of Land Consolidation in Indian Country”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled

“America’s Report Card: Oversight of K–12 Public Education”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “From Risk to Resilience: Reauthorizing the Earthquake and Windstorm Hazards Reduction Programs”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Pathways to Success: Supporting Entrepreneurs and Employees with Disabilities”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Menace on the Red Sea: Securing Shipping Against Threats in the Red Sea”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The One Percent: Supporting America’s Surviving Military Family Community”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Authoritarian Alignment: The CCP’s Support for America’s Adversaries”, 9 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, with vote on confirmation thereon at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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