

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 8251–8260; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 106–107; and H. Res. 1193, 1195–1203, were introduced. **Pages H2873–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2875–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3325, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–481);

H.R. 8146, to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–482);

H.R. 272, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–483, Part 1);

H.R. 4763. A bill to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–484, Part 1);

H.R. 4763, to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–484, Part 2);

H.R. 2969, to establish an Independent Financial Technology Working Group to Combat Terrorism and Illicit Financing, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–485);

H.R. 1747, to provide a safe harbor from licensing and registration for certain non-controlling blockchain developers and providers of blockchain services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–486);

H. Res. 1194, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6192) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing any new or amended energy conservation standard for a product that is not technologically feasible and economically justified, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7109) to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 109) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2925) to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–487) **Page H2873**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Weber (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2837**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2839**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H2840**

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

Securing Chain of Command Continuity Act: H.R. 6972, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require an Executive agency whose head is a member of the National Security Council to notify the Executive Office of the President, the Comptroller General of the United States, and congressional leadership of such head becoming medically incapacitated within 24 hours; **Pages H2840–42**

Information Quality Assurance Act: H.R. 7219, amended, to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 177; **Pages H2842–44, H2858–59**

Comment Integrity and Management Act of 2024: H.R. 7528, amended, to amend section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002 to improve the integrity and management of mass comments and computer-generated comments in the regulatory review process; **Pages H2844–46**

Mail Traffic Deaths Reporting Act: H.R. 7527, amended, to direct the United States Postal Service to issue regulations requiring Postal Service employees and contractors to report to the Postal Service traffic crashes involving vehicles carrying mail that result in injury or death; **Pages H2846–49**

Special District Grant Accessibility Act: H.R. 7525, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 352 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 178; **Pages H2849–50, H2860–61**

Eliminate Useless Reports Act: S. 2073, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications; **Pages H2850–52**

GSA Technology Accountability Act: H.R. 7524, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made; and **Pages H2852–53**

Astronaut Safe Temporary Ride Options Act: H.R. 272, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations. **Pages H2853–54**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XVII, during consideration of H.R. 3354, Representative Wexton be permitted to use a medical assistive communication device while under recognition. **Page H2855**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2858**

Oath of Office—Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York: Representative-elect Timothy M. Kennedy presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from Ms. Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky and Mr. Raymond J. Riley, III, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held April 30, 2024, the Honorable Timothy M. Kennedy was elected for Representative to Congress for the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York. **Pages H2859, H2871**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from New York, the whole number of the House is 430. **Page H2860**

Establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2025: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 34, establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2025. **Page H2861**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 35, authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on

Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. **Page H2861**

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

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the “Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building”: H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the “Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building”; and **Page H2855**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”: H.R. 7423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”. **Pages H2855–58**

Presidential Veto Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Memorandum of Disapproval of H.J. Res. 98, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to “Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status”, and explained his reasons therefore—ordered printed (H. Doc. 118–135). **Page H2840**

Without objection, the House postponed further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution until the legislative day of May 7, 2024. **Page H2840**

Senate Referrals: S. 2181 was held at the desk. S. 3126 was held at the desk. S. 3249 was held at the desk. S. 3285 was held at the desk. **Page H2840**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2840.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2858–59 and H2860–61.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HANDS OFF OUR HOME APPLIANCES ACT; EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RELATING TO STAFF ACCOUNTING BULLETIN NO. 121; MINING REGULATORY CLARITY ACT OF 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6192, the “Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act”; H.R. 7109, the “Equal Representation Act”; H.J. Res. 109, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121; and H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024” [Rule Markup Only]. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6192, the “Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act”, H.R. 7109, the “Equal Representation Act”, H.J. Res. 109, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”, and H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6192, the “Hands Off Our Home Appliances 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill 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 the Rules Committee report. Each 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one

motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 7109, the “Equal Representation Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability now printed in the bill 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 Oversight and Accountability or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 109, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in House Report 118–416 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 thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Duncan, Pallone, Biggs, Raskin, Flood, and Waters.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing”, 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the U.S. International Development Finance Corporations, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing”, 1 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Education Department’s Policies, Priorities, and FY 2023 Financial Audit Failure”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “EPA’s RMP Rule: Failures to Protect the American People and American Manufacturing”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled “SEC Enforcement: Balancing Deterrence with Due Process”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Brazil: A Crisis of Democracy, Freedom, and Rule of Law?”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviewing DFC’s Efforts to Out Compete China’s BRI”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Building the Fleet: Assessing the Department of Homeland Security’s Role in the United States Coast Guard’s Acquisitions Process”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Intellectual Property: Enforcement Activities by the Executive Branch”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Responsiveness and Accountability to Oversight, hearing entitled “Hearing on Compliance with Committee Oversight”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 897, the “Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act”; H.R. 1395, the “Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people

of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution; and H.R. 6852, the “Holcombe Rucker Park Landmark Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, business meeting on updated Committee roster; revised membership and leadership of the Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Ensuring Safety and Reliability: Examining the Reauthorization Needs of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration”, 10:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining Employment Opportunities for Veterans: An Analysis of Veteran Services Provided by DOL–VETS”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise, hearing entitled “National Intelligence Program (NIP) Budget Request for FY 2025, featuring the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Energy, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Department of the Treasury”, 10 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing entitled “FY 2025 Budget Request for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)”, 1 p.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on Turkiye post election, 2 p.m., 2322, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, May 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Donna Ann Welton, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m. Following which, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3935, Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 6192—Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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