

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3963–S4002

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4459–4486, S.J. Res. 92–95, and S. Res. 725–726.

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Measures Reported:

S. 930, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3335, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4235, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support for law enforcement officers and families.

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Measures Passed:

Northern Border Coordination Act: Senate passed S. 2291, to establish the Northern Border Coordination Center, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 2073, in the nature of a substitute.

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National Naloxone Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 726, designating June 6, 2024, as National Naloxone Awareness Day.

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Measures Considered:

Right to Contraception Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4381, to protect an individual's ability to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 190), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Senate agreed to the motion to table the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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House Messages:

Missing Children's Assistance Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2051, to reauthorize the Missing Children's Assistance Act.

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Appointments:

Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115–123, on behalf of the Republican Leader of the Senate, reappointed the following individual as a member of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: Ryan T. E. Martin of Virginia.

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Sullivan Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 189), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Rosner Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Rosner, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, June 5, 2024, a vote on

cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. **Page S3982**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3982**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, June 11, 2024; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Wednesday, June 5, 2024 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

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See Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S3982**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of David Rosner, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S3982**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3982**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3982**

Chang Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S3982–83**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S3982–83**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3982**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3982**

Right to IVF Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4445, to protect and expand nationwide access to fertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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Prior to the consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3983**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 55 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 188), Judith E. Pipe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael G. Heath, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Kin Moy, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

James Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Julie Smith, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

Mark G. Eskenazi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2027.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—190)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4002.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CLIMATE AND INSURANCE MARKETS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how climate is already challenging insurance markets, after receiving testimony from Glen Mulready, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma City; Rade Musulin, Finity Consulting, Sydney, Australia; Ishita Sen, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts; E.J. Antoni, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Deborah Wood, Tallahassee, Florida.

FHWA BUDGET OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the budget of the Federal Highway Administration, after receiving testimony from Shailen Bhatt, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine revitalizing and renewing GSP, AGOA and other trade preference programs, after receiving testimony from Florizelle B. Liser, Corporate Council on Africa, and Scott Lincicome, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Melissa Nelson, SanMar Corporation, Issaquah, Washington; and Allison Gill, Global Labor Justice, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY REGULATORY PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine streamlining the Federal cybersecurity regulatory process, focusing on the path to harmonization, after receiving testimony from Nick Leiserson, Assistant National Cyber Director for Cyber Policy and Programs, Office of the National Cyber Director, Executive Office of the President; and David B. Hinchman, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Embry J.

Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Adam B. Abelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Van Hollen, Joseph Francis Saporito, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Casey, and Meredith A. Vacca, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine strengthening United States economic leadership, focusing on the role of competition in enhancing economic resiliency, after receiving testimony from Barry C. Lynn, The Open Markets Institute, and Richard Stern, The Heritage Foundation Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, both of Washington, D.C.; and Erin C. Fuse Brown, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta.

VETERANS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Special Committee on Aging to examine heroes at home, focusing on improving services for veterans and their caregivers, after receiving testimony from Andrea Sawyer, Quality of Life Foundation, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Fred Sganga, National Association of State Veterans Homes, Long Island, New York; Meredith Beck, Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Peter Townsend, Susquehanna, Pennsylvania; and Hannah Nieskens, Cardwell, Montana.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Bradford Wiegmann, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 8620–8647; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 163–166; and H. Res. 1278–1279 were introduced. **Pages H3672–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3675–76**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Travis O’Neal, Christ Fellowship Church, Port St. Lucie, Florida. **Page H3659**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 9:47 a.m. **Page H3664**

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025: The House passed H.R. 8580, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, by a yea-and-any vote of 209 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 247. Consideration began yesterday, June 4th. **Pages H3661–68**

Rejected the Wasserman Schultz motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 246. **Pages H3666–67**

Agreed to:

Steube amendment (No. 46 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that prohibits the use of funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs to process medical claims for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Health Service Corps; **Pages H3663–64**

Schweikert amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding by \$1 million for the Veterans Benefits Administration to provide support for utilizing AI to expedite claims (by a recorded vote of 333 yeas to 70 noes, Roll No. 243); **Pages H3661, H3664–65**

Schweikert amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that increases and decreases funding by \$10 million to conduct a study on the benefits of utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) to streamline oversight, mitigate and reduce fraud, and improve data accuracy and financial management practices at the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) (by a recorded vote of 392 yeas to 11 noes, Roll No. 244); and **Pages H3661–62, H3665–66**

Steube amendment (No. 45 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–535) that prohibits the VA from using its funds to pay bonuses to senior executives in the VA Central Office (by a recorded vote of 237

yeas to 169 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 245). **Pages H3662–63, H3666**

H. Res. 1269, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8580) and (H.R. 8282) was agreed to yesterday, June 4th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 7th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, June 11th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H3668**

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following member of the House to the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Representative Cline. **Page H3671**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following members of the House to the to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Jackson (TX) and Perry. **Page H3671**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3664–65, H3665–66, H3666, H3667, and H3667–68.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a markup on the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

**NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE:
HOW TOKENIZATION OF REAL-WORLD
ASSETS WILL FACILITATE EFFICIENT
MARKETS**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Next Generation Infrastructure: How Tokenization of Real-World Assets Will Facilitate Efficient Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 7, 2024**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, June 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, June 7

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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