

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5159–S5323*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4729–4755, and S.J. Res. 103. **Pages S5194–95**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 5473, to amend certain laws relating to disaster recovery and relief with respect to the implementation of building codes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–194)

H.R. 6249, to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters. (S. Rept. No. 118–195)

S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry. (S. Rept. No. 118–196)

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#### Measures Passed:

***Disrupt Explicit Forged Images and Non-Consensual Edits Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3696, to improve rights to relief for individuals affected by non-consensual activities involving intimate digital forgeries, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S5318–19**

Schumer (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3049, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5318–19**

***Preventing the Financing of Illegal Synthetic Drugs Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1076, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on the trafficking into the United States of synthetic drugs, and related illicit finance, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5319**

#### House Messages:

**Eliminate Useless Reports Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2073, to amend title

31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

#### Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5174**

Schumer Amendment No. 3022 (to Amendment No. 3021), to add an effective date. **Page S5174**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 3023, to add an effective date. **Page S5174**

Schumer Amendment No. 3024 (the instructions (Amendment No. 3023) of the motion to refer), to add an effective date. **Page S5174**

Schumer Amendment No. 3025 (to Amendment No. 3024), to add an effective date. **Pages S5174–75**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021, 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 Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Page S5174**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5174**

**Resignation of Senator Menendez:** The Chair laid before the Senate a communication regarding the resignation of Senator Robert Menendez. **Page S5159**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Ossoff be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from July 23, 2024, to July 24, 2024. **Page S5162**

**Way Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kashi Way, of

Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Pages S5162, S5162–73**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2024; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 3:15 p.m.; that the votes on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, occur at 5 p.m. in the order in which cloture was filed; and that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at times to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S5319**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 82 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 214), Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2027. **Pages S5173–74**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa T. Ballance, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2027.

Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2028.

David Samuel Johnson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

Gabriel Escobar, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S5321–23**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

James R. Ives, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury., which was sent to the Senate on January 11, 2024, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S5323**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5181**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S5181–82**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S5182**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5182–88**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5199–S5201**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5177–81**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5201–S5318**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5318**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—214) **Page S5173**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5319.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM FRAUD

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded an oversight hearing to examine how Zelle and the big banks fail to protect consumers from fraud, after receiving testimony from Cameron Fowler, Early Warning Services, LLC, Melissa Feldsher, JPMorganChase, and Mark Monaco, Bank of America, all of New York, New York; and Adam Vancini, Wells Fargo and Company, Charlotte, North Carolina.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 9092–9113; 1 private bill, H.R. 9114; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1375 and 1377–1380, were introduced. **Pages H4858–60**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4861–62**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6219, to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–603);

H.R. 4152, to direct the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report on the merits of, and options for, establishing an institute relating to space resources, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–604);

H.R. 8111, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure the reliability of address information provided under the Medicaid program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–605);

H.R. 8112, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to further require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–606);

H. Res. 1376, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1371) strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border (H. Rept. 118–607);

H.R. 8089, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–608);

H.R. 8084, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to verify certain eligibility criteria for individuals enrolled for medical assistance quarterly, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–609);

H.R. 4758, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–610); and

H.R. 6020, to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate consideration of the income of organ recipients in providing reimbursement of ex-

penses to donating individuals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–611).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

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**Suspensions-Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, July 22nd. **Victims' Voices Outside and Inside the Courtroom Effectiveness Act:** S. 3706, to amend section 3663A of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that restitution includes necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by a person who has assumed the victim's rights, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 361; and

**Pages H4742–43**

**Improving Access to Our Courts Act:** S. 227, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 362.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:49 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

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**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025:** The House considered H.R. 8997, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 24th.

**Pages H4743–85, H4785–97**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

**Pages H4747–56**

Agreed to:

**Fleischmann en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602:** Beyer (No. 1) that increases and decreases funding for the DOE's Office of Science fusion materials and fuel cycle research and development to reflect needs identified in the Bold Decadal Vision for Commercial Fusion Energy; Bilirakis (No. 2) that increases and decreases funding for the Eastern Mediterranean Energy Center, as established under section 204(c) of the Eastern Mediterranean Security and Energy Partnership Act of

2019 in International Affairs under the Departmental Administration account by \$6,000,000; Blunt Rochester (No. 3) that increases and decreases the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account by \$1,000,000 to highlight the continuation of activities within the Federal Energy Management Program that support AFFECT grant funding, Energy Savings Performance Contracts, and Utility Energy Service Contracts; Comer (No. 5) that increases and decreases funding for salaries of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works by the same amount for the purpose of stipulating claims in *Riverview Farms v. United States* and *Angelly v. United States* are the taking of private property for a public purpose and settling such claims; Costa (No. 6) that increases the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources account by \$3 million offset by a \$3 million reduction to the Departmental Administration account to support technical assistance and financial assistance related to groundwater recharge projects, aquifer storage and recovery projects, or water source substitution for aquifer protection projects; Dingell (No. 7) that increases and decreases DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$25,000,000 for an industry-led consortium to accelerate the development of advanced, non-battery, automotive materials; Duarte (No. 8) that increases and decreases funding for the Operation and Maintenance account of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Civil to conduct a study on the sediment build-up in rivers and streams in the San Joaquin River Watershed and to make recommendations to Congress on actions to improve channel flows, reduce flood risk to communities, and improve riverbanks; Glusenkamp Perez (No. 12) that increases and decreases funding for the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program to encourage prioritizing grants available for manufactured housing skirting, awning, and other traditional means of energy efficiency; Tony Gonzalez (TX) (No. 13) that increases funding by \$1 million to \$6 million for the Southwest Border Regional Commission, offset by the DOE Departmental Administration account; Vicente Gonzalez (TX) (No. 14) that increases the Water and Related Resources by \$2,000,000 to highlight the importance of the WaterSMART Program for drought resilience and canal lining. Decreases funding from Policy and Administration account; Gottheimer (No. 15) that increases and decreases funding for Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct dredging of water reservoirs to prevent flooding; Jackson (TX) (No. 21) that increases funding for the HESFP at Pantex by \$5 million to ensure the project remains on schedule; Massie (No. 24) that increases and decreases the Army Corps of Engineers

operations and maintenance account by \$1 million to direct the Secretary to actively maintain Kentucky boat ramps owned, operated, or constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers where the maintenance is not the responsibility of a non-federal entity; Miller (WV) (No. 26) that increases and decreases funding for Fossil Energy and Carbon Management to ensure parity for the National Energy Technology Lab and allow subcontracts of site support prime contractors to be counted towards the Department of Energy's small business procurement goals; Molinaro (No. 27) that increases the flood control and costal emergencies account by \$2.5 million; Molinaro (No. 28) that increases funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$5 million, takes from DOE administrative funds; Moylan (No. 29) that increases and decreases the Corps of Engineers—Civil Department of the Army, Construction account to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide necessary funding to WRDA projects and studies in Guam; Moylan (No. 30) that increases and decreases the Department of Energy Energy Programs, Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response account to emphasize the need of Guam Power Authority for a Department of Energy assessment on the cybersecurity of Guam's energy installations; Moylan (No. 31) that increases and decreases the Department of Energy Energy Programs, Grid Development account to emphasize the need for Guam Power Authority to receive a Department of Energy assessment on the feasibility and cost of an interconnected, circular power grid system in Guam; Murphy (NC) (No. 32) that increases and decreases funds to highlight the need for a report to examine whether the US government has sufficient dredging capacity; Neguse (No. 33) that increases the Water and Related Resources account by \$2 million, to be directed to the Cooperative Watershed Management Program; Newhouse (No. 34) that increases and decreases funds for the Department of Energy Office of the Inspector General to highlight the need to provide a report on the Bonneville Power Administration's Fish and Wildlife program to ensure it has fulfilled the mandates established by Congress in the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980 to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System; Ogles (No. 39) that increases and decreases funds for the Energy Information Administration to instruct the administration to revise its levelized cost of electricity calculations to include the costs of maintaining backup dispatchable generation capacity for intermittent sources of electricity; Ramirez (No. 52) that increases and decreases funding to the Office of Science to emphasize the need for robust investment in programs

like High Energy Physics in line with the President's Budget Request; Scott (VA) (No. 58) that increases and decreases funding by \$21 million to emphasize the need for infrastructure improvements at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility; Scott (VA) (No. 59) that increases and decreases by \$10 million to emphasize the need for an optimal runtime at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility; and Waltz (No. 65) that decreases General Expenses by \$1,500,000; increases Investigations by \$1,500,000 to fund a new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Investigation;

**Pages H4756–57**

Brecheen amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds to reinstate the general license for export of nuclear material to China;

**Pages H4757–58**

Flood amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for lab-grown meat at the Department of Energy;

**Page H4758**

Beyer amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds made available for this Act to be used for the W87–1 modification program;

**Pages H4758–59**

Beyer amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds made available by this Act to be used for the Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program;

**Pages H4759–61**

Griffith amendment (No. 17 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that increases funding for the Department of Energy's Fossil Energy and Carbon Management program by \$8,750,000 while reducing funding for Departmental Administration by \$8,750,000;

**Page H4761**

Hageman amendment (No. 18 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the Department of Energy from implementing the Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap;

**Pages H4761–62**

Houlahan amendment (No. 19 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that increases and decreases funding for the Grid Deployment account by \$150 million to emphasize the need to address domestic shortages of large power transformers and distribution transformers through authorities within the Defense Production Act;

**Pages H4762–63**

Jackson (TX) amendment (No. 20 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds from being used by the NNSA to halt the construction of the HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production facility at Pantex;

**Pages H4763–64**

Luna amendment (No. 23 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds from being made available to implement or enforce Corps of En-

gineers memorandum CERE–AP, issued by the South Atlantic division on July 9, 1996, relating to "Approval of Perpetual Beach Storm Damage Reduction Easement as a Standard Estate"; this memo requires easements to be perpetual and include public access;

**Pages H4764–65**

McCormick amendment (No. 25 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds provided by this Act from closing campgrounds operated by the Army Corps of Engineers that are located at Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia;

**Pages H4765–66**

Ogles amendment (No. 35 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for the consideration of the social cost of greenhouse gases;

**Page H4766**

Ogles amendment (No. 37 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases;

**Pages H4767–68**

Ogles amendment (No. 38 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds for Department of Energy Office of Science's Office of Scientific Workforce Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion;

**Pages H4768–69**

Ogles amendment (No. 40 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds to be used to finalize the rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Automatic Commercial Ice Makers";

**Page H4769**

Ogles amendment (No. 41 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds to be used to finalize the rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Water Heaters";

**Pages H4769–70**

Roy amendment (No. 55 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds in this act from being used to carry out Biden Executive Order 13990 (relating to Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis), Executive Order 14008 (relating to Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad), Section 6 of Executive Order 14013 (relating to Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs To Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration), Executive Order 14030 (relating to Climate Related Financial Risk), and Executive Order 14057 (relating to Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability);

**Pages H4779–80**

Tenney amendment (No. 61 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for Executive Order 14019, relating to Promoting Access to Voting;

**Pages H4782–83**

Ogles amendment (No. 36 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for the

American Climate Corps (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 363);

**Pages H4766–67, H4786**

Rosendale amendment (No. 53 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that prevents funds from being used to transfer or delegate control or maintenance responsibility of the Lower Yellowstone Fish Bypass Channel to any non-Federal entity (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 374); and

**Pages H4777–78, H4793–94**

Van Drew amendment (No. 64 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that moves \$10,000,000 from renewable energy programs to enhance the security of existing electrical transformers from cyber threats and from physical attacks from individuals (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 379).

**Pages H4784–85, H4796–97**

Rejected:

Tenney amendment (No. 60 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm to \$1;

**Pages H4781–82**

Perry amendment (No. 42 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Delaware River Basin Commission to implement or enforce its ban on hydraulic fracturing (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 364);

**Pages H4770–71, H4786–87**

Perry amendment (No. 43 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to eliminate funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program and moves this funding to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 365);

**Pages H4771–72, H4787–88**

Perry amendment (No. 44 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to eliminate funding for the Title 17 Loan Program and moves that funding to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 366);

**Pages H4772–73, H4788**

Perry amendment (No. 45 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission to FY19 levels and transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No. 367);

**Pages H4773–74, H4788–89**

Perry amendment (No. 46 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the Delta Regional Commission to FY19 levels and transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 368);

**Pages H4774, H4789–90**

Perry amendment (No. 47 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the Denali Regional Commission to FY19 levels and

transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 369);

**Pages H4774–75, H4790**

Perry amendment (No. 48 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to FY19 levels and transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 370);

**Pages H4775, H4790–91**

Perry amendment (No. 49 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission to FY19 levels and transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 371);

**Pages H4775–76, H4791–92**

Perry amendment (No. 50 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to cut funding for the Great Lakes Authority in half and transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 372);

**Pages H4776–77, H4792**

Perry amendment (No. 51 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to cut funding for the Southwest Border Regional Commission in half and transfers the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 373);

**Pages H4777, H4792–93**

Roy amendment (No. 54 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to prohibit funds for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 1920 (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 375);

**Pages H4778–79, H4794**

Roy amendment (No. 56 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to eliminate funding for DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (by a recorded vote of 144 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 376);

**Pages H4780–81, H4794–95**

Van Drew amendment (No. 62 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations of the Department of Energy (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 377); and

**Pages H4783–84, H4795–96**

Van Drew amendment (No. 63 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Jigar Shah, Director of the Loan Programs Office, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 257 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 378).

**Pages H4784, H4796**

H. Res. 1370, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8997) and (H.R. 8998) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 360, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 359.

**Pages H4735–40, H4741–42**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, July 22nd. **Allowing Contractors to Choose Employees for Select Skills Act:** H.R. 7887, amended, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum experience or educational requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 178 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 380. **Pages H4797–98**

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the unveiling of the statue of Johnny Cash, provided by the State of Arkansas:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the unveiling of the statue of Johnny Cash, provided by the State of Arkansas. **Page H4798**

***Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025:*** The House considered H.R. 8998, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 24th. **Pages H4798–H4857**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H4801–26**

Agreed to:

Simpson en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602: Adams (No. 1) that increases and decreases funding to the African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Program by \$3 million; Beyer (No. 5) that increases and decreases funding for U.S. Geological Survey by \$1 million to support a wildlife corridors mapping team; Boebert (No. 12) that transfers \$2 million from the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account to the Holocaust Memorial Museum account; Buchanan (No. 26) that provides \$1 million to the Prescott Grant Program to provide for more funding into the rescue and rehabilitation of manatees and reduces funding for the DOI Office of the Secretary; Buchanan (No. 27) that provides \$1 million to the Environmental Protection Agency for continued research into the harmful health effects of harmful algal blooms; Buchanan (No. 28) that provides \$2 million to the National Water Quality Program to bolster research into harmful algal blooms; Budzinski (No. 29) that increases and decreases funding for the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement by

\$1,000,000 to be used for mine subsidence prevention activities; DeSaulnier (No. 31) that increases funding for the funding for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board by \$1 million to support activities authorized under the Clean Air Act; Dingell (No. 32) that increases and decreases the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) by \$82,000,000; Dingell (No. 33) that increases and decreases EPA's Brownfields Program funding by \$9,708,000 to emphasize the need for increased investments to provide grants and technical assistance to communities, states, tribes, and others to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties; Duarte (No. 34) that increases and decreases funding to the Environmental Programs and Management account of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on whether any wastewater treatment plants are failing to comply with the Clean Water Act and associated federal regulations, including those related to point source pollution into major bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes, estuaries, and river deltas, and report its findings to Congress; Feenstra (No. 35) that increases and decreases funding for EPA salaries by \$1 million to emphasize that the EPA should not promulgate any new rules that would affect over 50% of American farmland without explicit congressional approval; Garbarino (No. 36) that increases and decreases funding for the National Recreation and Preservation Account by \$15 million with the intent to provide \$15 million for 9/11 Memorial Act Grants; Glusenkamp Perez (No. 37) that increases and decreases funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account to emphasize the critical importance of supporting our nation's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure; Gottheimer (No. 38) that increases funding for the Holocaust Memorial Museum by \$5 million to study Holocaust education efforts in public schools nationwide; determine which states and school districts require or do not require Holocaust education in their curriculum; determine which states and school districts offer optional Holocaust education; identify the standards and requirements schools mandate on this Holocaust education; identify the types and quality of instructional materials used to teach; and identify the approaches used by schools to assess what students learn; Gottheimer (No. 39) that increases and decreases funding to prohibit the National Park Service from designating any part of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area as a National Park; Kamlager-Dove (No. 49) that increases and decreases funding by \$3 million for the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary for a Work Environment Survey for the Department of the Interior and all of its bureaus that will generate data that can be directly compared to

the Work Environment Survey done at Interior and the National Park Service in 2017 by the Federal Consulting Group and the CFI Group; Kennedy (No. 50) that increases and decreases funding by \$748 million for the State and Tribal Assistance Grant program; Kennedy (No. 51) that increases and decreases the U.S. Geological Survey by \$81 million to ensure that research and monitoring activities for harmful algal blooms in freshwater bodies continue; Lawler (No. 52) that increases and decreases funding for the Hazardous Substance Superfund with the intent of further comprehensive tests of water contaminants in the Lower Hudson River; Lawler (No. 53) that provides a \$5 million increase to the National Recreation and Preservation Account to support NPS Heritage sites nationwide, including the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area in the Hudson River Valley; Offset by a \$5 million reduction to the DOI Office of the Secretary; Lawler (No. 54) that provides a \$5 million increase to the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants to protect and enhance the Atlantic Sturgeon population in the Hudson River. Offset by a \$5 million reduction to the DOI Office of the Secretary; Lawler (No. 55) that increases and decreases funding for the National Park Service to enhance outdoor recreational access to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail; Molinaro (No. 58) that increases FWS by \$2 million to support the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program; offset by a \$2 million reduction to the Office of the Secretary; Molinaro (No. 59) that increase rural water technical assistance authorized under the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Act by \$4 million; offset by a \$4 million funding reduction to the Office of the Secretary; Molinaro (No. 60) that increases the National Recreation and Preservation Account by \$2 million to support NPS Heritage sites across the country, including the Erie Canal National Heritage Area in Upstate NY; offset by a \$2 million reduction to the Office of the Secretary; Molinaro (No. 61) that increases and decreases State and Tribal Assistance Grant funding by \$4 million to highlight the importance of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs for assisting rural water systems; Molinaro (No. 62) that increases the Toxic Substances Superfund account by \$13 million to support the cleanup and restoration of deeply contaminated sites across the country, including the Hudson River PCB Superfund Site; offset with a \$13 million reduction to the Science and Technology Account; Moylan (No. 63) that increases and decreases funds by \$5 million made available to the Operation of the National Park System account of the National Park Service to allow for restoration and improvement projects of the War in the Pacific National

Park in Asan, Guam, in commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam, and to honor those U.S. Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Battle of Guam between July 21, 1944, and August 10, 1944; Moylan (No. 64) that increases and decreases the funding made available under the Resource Management account of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide \$1,000,000 in assistance to the Guam Department of Agriculture for programs supporting native bird species, university-based fisheries research, and technical assistance and support; Moylan (No. 65) that increases and decreases the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants account of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide critical funding for Guam's native species conservation programs; Moylan (No. 66) that increases and decreases by \$600,000 the Salaries and Expenses account of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to provide for a study on sites of cultural and historical significance across Guam and recommendations on the designation of such sites as National Historic Sites or National Historic Landmarks; Moylan (No. 67) that increases and decreases by \$1 million the appropriations made to the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund to emphasize the importance of the critical financial support provided under this account in conserving Guam's endangered wildlife, including the Ko'ko' (Guam Rail); Moylan (No. 68) that increases and decreases the Salaries and Expenses account of the Smithsonian Institution to emphasize the important role of the Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute in conserving Guam's native species and to encourage deeper collaboration with the Guam Department of Agriculture, University of Guam, and other relevant agencies to conserve and protect Guam's native species; Moylan (No. 69) that increases and decreases the salaries and expenses account of the Smithsonian Institution to encourage expanded procurement, display, and educational outreach detailing the indigenous cultures of the United States' Pacific Islands, including the CHamoru culture, which is indigenous to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; Neguse (No. 70) that increases and decreases the EPA's Environmental Programs and Management account by \$12 million to support the EPA's Office of Noise Abatement and Control; Neguse (No. 71) that increases and decreases funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to highlight the additional funding needed to support these programs at the President's Budget Request level; Norton (No. 74) that increases and decreases funding for the National Park Service's operations account by \$1 million to direct NPS to submit a report to Congress identifying statutes and regulations that inhibit active use



of urban parks in the National Park System; Schweikert (No. 86) that increases funding at the Indian Health Service by \$7 million for the Produce Prescription Pilot Program to ensure tribal communities have access to healthy food; Stanton (No. 87) that adds funds to the Indian Health Service with the intent to increase the salary of the Director to put them on par with the level of Assistant Secretary; Titus (No. 94) that increases and decreases the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program budget by \$11 million to emphasize the need for increased use of humane, reversible fertility control to manage wild horse populations; Tlaib (No. 95) that increases and decreases State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$1.5 billion to highlight the importance of annual lead water service line removal appropriations; Vasquez (No. 96) that increases and decreases the Bureau of Indian Education account by \$2 million to prioritize addressing the teacher shortage in BIE and Tribally-controlled schools; and Wittman (No. 97) that increases and decreases funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Courts Program to ensure that recently recognized Tribes across the country have access to funding to establish and operate judicial services;

**Pages H4826–28**

Arrington amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding from being made available for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's final rule using an endangered species designation of several types of freshwater mussels, federalizing over 1,500 miles of Texas rivers;

**Pages H4828–29**

Arrington amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding from being made available for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Final Land Protection Plan & Environmental Assessment Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge";

**Pages H4829–30**

Bentz amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the use of any federal funds to create National monuments in Malheur County, Oregon under the Antiquities Act;

**Pages H4830–31**

Bice amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits federal funding for drag shows at the Smithsonian Institution;

**Pages H4831–32**

Boebert amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that transfers funds from EPA bureaucrats to the Forest Service for active management;

**Page H4834**

Boebert amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that transfers funds from EPA bureaucracy to the inspector general to combat waste, fraud, and abuse;

**Pages H4834–35**

Boebert amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds made available by this Act to be used to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule titled "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process";

**Pages H4835–36**

Boebert amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds made available by this Act to be used for a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Council at the Department of the Interior;

**Pages H4836–37**

Boebert amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds made available by this division to be used to carry out the Bicycle Subsidy Benefit Program of the Department of the Interior;

**Pages H4837–38**

Boebert amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds made available by this Act to be used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the draft resource management plan and supplemental environmental impact statement referred to in the notice of availability titled "Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plans, Colorado";

**Pages H4838–39**

Boebert amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits made available by this Act to be used to declare a national monument with the use of the antiquities Act in Montrose County, Colorado; Mesa County, Colorado; Monezuma County, Colorado; San Juan County, Colorado; or Dolores County, Colorado;

**Pages H4839–40**

Boebert amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that reduces the salary of Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior, to \$1;

**Pages H4840–41**

Brecheen amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the Indian Health Service from using appropriated funds to provide sex-transition surgeries or treatment;

**Pages H4841–42**

Cammack amendment (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize any rule or regulation that has resulted in or is likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more;

**Pages H4848–49**

Griffith amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prevents the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement from enforcing perpetual deed restrictions on Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization program projects;

**Pages H4849–50**

Hageman amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the Bureau of

Land Management from finalizing, implementing, administering, or enforcing its proposed Western Solar Plan; **Pages H4850–51**

Hageman amendment (No. 42 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from finalizing, implementing, administering, or enforcing the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan in Wyoming; **Pages H4851–52**

Hageman amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the EPA from establishing or operating the Office of Agriculture and Rural Affairs; **Pages H4852–53**

Hageman amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) from finalizing, implementing, administering, or enforcing the proposed Resource Management Plans by the BLM's Buffalo Field Office in Wyoming and the Miles City Field Office in Montana; **Pages H4853–54**

Huizenga amendment (No. 46 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the EPA final rule "Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date, and Reclassification of Areas Classified as Marginal for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" with respect to Berrien, Allegan, and Muskegon counties in Michigan; **Pages H4854–56**

Jackson (TX) amendment (No. 47 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that reduces funding for the Fish and Wildlife Service to FY21 levels; and **Page H4856**

Jackson (TX) amendment (No. 48 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that ensures no funding from this bill can be used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce its proposed rule to list the Texas Kangaroo Rat as endangered and designate 600,000 acres as critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act. **Pages H4856–57**

Rejected:

Brecheen amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts to FY2019 levels; **Pages H4842–43**

Boebert amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Michael S. Regan, Administrator of the EPA, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 264 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 381); **Pages H4832, H4843–44**

Boebert amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Melissa Schwartz, Director of Communications of the Department of the Interior, to \$1 (by a recorded

vote of 134 ayes to 272 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 382); **Pages H4832–33, H4844–45**

Boebert amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Elizabeth Klien, Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 267 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 383); **Pages H4833–34, H4845**

Boebert amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to prohibit funds for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 384); **Pages H4840, H4845–46**

Boebert amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Tracy Stone-Manning, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 268 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 385); and **Pages H4841, H4846–47**

Brecheen amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities to FY2019 levels (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 386). **Pages H4843, H4847**

Proceedings Postponed:

Brecheen amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that seeks to defund the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and moves its \$12 million in appropriations to the Spending Reduction Account; **Page H4848**

Brecheen amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that seeks to prohibit funding for any diversity, equity, and inclusion program or office; and **Page H4848**

Harshbarger amendment (No. 45 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that seeks to prohibit funding for the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. **Page H4854**

H. Res. 1370, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8997) and (H.R. 8998) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 360, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 359. **Pages H4735–40, H4741–42**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 24th. **Page H4857**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and twenty-four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4741, H4741–42, H4742–43, H4743, H4786, H4786–87, H4787–88, H4788, H4788–89, H4789–90, H4790, H4790–91, H4791–92, H4792, H4792–93, H4793–94, H4794, H4794–95, H4795–96, H4796,

H4796–97, H4797–98, H4843–44, H4844–45, H4845, H4845–46, H4846–47, and H4847.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN FARM COUNTRY**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Financial Conditions in Farm Country”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MOBILITY AIRCRAFT RELEVANCE AND SURVIVABILITY IN A CONTESTED ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled “Mobility Aircraft Relevance and Survivability in a Contested Environment”. Testimony was heard from General Mike Minihan, Commander, Air Mobility Command, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General David H. Tabor, Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, U.S. Air Force; and Rear Admiral Lower Half Derek A. Trinqué, Director, Strategic Plans, Policy, and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command.

### **THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2025 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Annie Caputo, Commissioner; Bradley R. Crowell, Commissioner; Christopher T. Hanson, Chair; and David A. Wright, Commissioner.

### **ARE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL’S PRIORITIES RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Are CDC’s Priorities Restoring Public Trust and Improving the Health of the American People?”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials: Henry Walke, M.D., Director, Office of Readiness and Response; Jennifer Layden, M.D., Director, Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology; Daniel Jernigan, M.D., Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases; Karen Hacker, M.D., Director, Na-

tional Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Demetre Daskalakis, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases; and Allison Arwady, M.D., Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

### **THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2025 Consumer Product Safety Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Consumer Product Safety Commission officials: Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chair; Peter A. Feldman, Commissioner; Richard L. Trumka, Jr., Commissioner; Mary T. Boyle, Commissioner; and Douglas Dziak, Commissioner.

### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INNOVATION EXPLORED: INSIGHTS INTO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “AI Innovation Explored: Insights into AI Applications in Financial Services and Housing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for South and Central Asian Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Anjali Kaur, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

### **A LOOK AT U.S. POLICY IN GEORGIA AND MOLDOVA AHEAD OF THEIR 2024 ELECTIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing entitled “A Look at U.S. Policy in Georgia and Moldova Ahead of Their 2024 Elections”. Testimony was heard from Joshua Huck, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Christopher Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Alexander Sokolowski, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## EXAMINING THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF JULY 13

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Assassination Attempt of July 13”. Testimony was heard from Colonel Christopher L. Paris, Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police; and a public witness.

## CONGRESS IN A POST-CHEVRON WORLD

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congress in a Post-Chevron World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons”. Testimony was heard from Colette Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION AND THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “IP Litigation and the U.S. International Trade Commission”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 1304, the “Rio San José and Rio Jemez Water Settlements Act of 2023”; H.R. 3977, the “Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023”; H.R. 6599, the “Technical Corrections to the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, and Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act”; H.R. 7240, the “Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8685, the “Ohkay Owingeh Rio Chama Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8791, the “Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8920, the “Tule River Tribe Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8940, the “Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8945, the “Navajo Nation Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8949, the “Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024”; H.R. 8951, the “Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024” and H.R. 8953, the “Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2024”. Testimony was heard from Represent-

atives Leger Fernandez, Rosendale, Zinke, Ciscomani, and Vasquez; Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on legislation on the CORE Act; H.R. 7053, the “Orphan Well Grant Flexibility Act of 2024”; H.R. 8665, the “Supercritical Geothermal Research and Development Act”; and H.R. 8954, the “Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2024”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar and Hunt; Steven Feldgus, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## INVESTIGATING HOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IGNORED CRIES FOR HELP FROM STUDENTS AT HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce held a joint hearing entitled “Investigating how the Biden Administration Ignored Cries for Help from Students at Haskell Indian Nations University”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Matthew Elliott, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## THE ROLE OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKETS PART III: TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers in Prescription Drug Markets Part III: Transparency and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency”. Testimony was heard from Mark Greenblatt, Chair, Council of the Inspectors General

on Integrity and Efficiency, and Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

**STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 1371, strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 5–2, a rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 1371, Strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of the resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 1371. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees. Testimony was heard from Chairman Guest, and Representative Thompson of Mississippi.

**LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD: EXAMINING THE LANDSCAPE OF VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure; and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing entitled "Leveling the Playing Field: Examining the Landscape of Veteran Owned Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE: ARE FEDERAL BUILDINGS SECURE?**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "Examining the Effectiveness of the Federal Protective Service: Are Federal Buildings Secure?". Testimony was heard from David Marroni, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Richard Cline, Director, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security; and Elliot Doomes, Public Buildings Service Commissioner, General Services Administration.

**EXAMINING THE STATE OF RAIL SAFETY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DERAILMENT IN EAST PALESTINE, OHIO**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Examining the State of Rail Safety in the Aftermath of the Derailment in East Palestine, Ohio". Testimony was heard from Representative Rulli; Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board; Amit Bose, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Tristan Brown, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup on H.R. 2971, the "Veterans Claims Education Act of 2023"; H.R. 6362, the "Protecting Benefits for Disabled Veterans Act of 2023"; H.R. 8792, the "Flowers for Fallen Heroes Act of 2024"; H.R. 8874, the "Modernizing All Veterans and Survivors Claims Processing Act"; H.R. 8879, the "Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act"; H.R. 8880, the "Simplifying Forms for Veterans Claims Act"; H.R. 8881, the "Rural Veterans' Improved Access to Benefits Act of 2024"; H.R. 8893, the "Preserving Veterans' Legacy Act"; H.R. 8910, the "Dayton National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2024"; H.R. 9053, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act"; H.R. 9054, the "Safeguarding Veterans 2nd Amendment Rights Act"; H.R. 9057, the "Gulf War Survivor Benefits Update Act of 2024"; H.R. 9055, the "Veterans' Burial Improvement Act of 2024"; and H.R. 9056, the "VA Insurance Improvement Act". H.R. 2971, H.R. 6362, H.R. 8792, H.R. 8874, H.R. 8879, H.R. 8880, H.R. 8881, H.R. 8910, H.R. 9055, H.R. 9056, H.R. 9057, H.R. 9053, and H.R. 9054 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 8893 was ordered reported, as amended.

**IS THE VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION PROPERLY PROCESSING AND DECIDING VETERANS' CLAIMS?**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Is the Veterans Benefits Administration Properly Processing and Deciding Veterans' Claims?". Testimony was heard from Ronald S. Burke, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Oversight, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephen Bracci, Director, Compensation Programs Inspection Division,

Office of Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### FUELING CHAOS: TRACING THE FLOW OF TAX-EXEMPT DOLLARS TO ANTISEMITISM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Fueling Chaos: Tracing the Flow of Tax-Exempt Dollars to Anti-semitism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE GREAT FIREWALL AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY’S EXPORT OF ITS TECHNO-AUTHORITARIAN SURVEILLANCE STATE

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Great Firewall and the CCP’s Export of its Techno-Authoritarian Surveillance State”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### RUSSIA’S ECOCIDE IN UKRAINE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, Commission received a briefing on Russia’s ecocide in Ukraine, focusing on environmental destruction and the need for accountability, from Eugene Z. Stakhiv, Johns Hopkins University; Maryna Baydyuk, United Help Ukraine; and Kristina Hook, Kennesaw State University School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding, and Development.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D722)

H.R. 1240, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Signed on July 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–68)

H.R. 4581, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research. Signed on July 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–69)

S. 138, to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act. Signed on July 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–70)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 4667, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 4373, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, S. 1171, to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prevent Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children from trading stocks and owning stocks, S. 4495, to enable safe, responsible, and agile procurement, development, and use of artificial intelligence by the Federal Government, S. 4675, to require the United States Postal Service to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Postal Regulatory Commission before implementing any network changes, S. 4630, to establish an interagency committee to harmonize regulatory regimes in the United States relating to cybersecurity, S. 4654, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian tribal governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, S. 4698, to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 4711, to limit the consideration of marijuana use when making an employment suitability or security clearance determination, S. 4681, to ensure a timely, fair, meaningful, and transparent process for individuals to seek redress because they were wrongly identified as a threat under the screening and inspection regimes used by the Department of Homeland Security, to require a report on the effectiveness of enhanced screening programs of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 4043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 4716, to amend section 7504 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the single audit requirements, S. 4294, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to negotiate with the Government of Canada regarding an agreement for integrated cross border aerial law enforcement operations, S. 59, to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills-and competency-based hiring, S. 4676, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, S. 4672, to require the Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assess current efforts to respond to hazardous weather and water events at or near United States borders and, to the extent such efforts may be improved, to develop a hazardous weather and water events preparedness and response strategy, S. 4697, to enhance the cybersecurity of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector, S. 4715, to require the National Cyber Director to submit to Congress a plan to establish an institute within the Federal Government to serve as a centralized resource and training center for Federal cyber workforce development, S. 4631, to amend title 41, United States Code,

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### House

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Safeguarding

Workers and Employers from OSHA Overreach and Skewed Priorities”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Budget”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Housing Solutions: Cutting Through Government Red Tape”, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Latin America Forgotten: A Look at President Biden’s FY 2025 Budget Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From Drug Interdictions in the Caribbean to National Security Patrols in the Arctic: Examining U.S. Coast Guard’s Role in Securing the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on legislation on the Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve Act; H.R. 2405, the “North Dakota Trust Lands Completion Act of 2023”; H.R. 3293, the “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act”; H.R. 6210, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 8403, the “Benton MacKaye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2024”; and H.R. 8603, the “ROAM Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 6489, the “Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023”; H.R. 8942, the “Improving Tribal Cultural Training for Providers Act of 2024”; H.R. 8955, the “IHS Provider Integrity Act”; and H.R. 8956, the “Uniform Credentials for IHS Providers Act of 2024”, 10:15 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Wasteful Spending and Inefficiencies: Examining DoD Platform Performance and Costs”, 9:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations, hearing entitled “Executive Overreach: Examining the SBA’s Electioneering Efforts with Associate Administrator of Office of Field Operations, Jennifer Kim”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Transportation’s Regulatory and Administrative Agenda”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7906, the “Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act”; and H.R. 9076, the “Protecting America’s Children by Strengthening Families Act”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

## Joint Meeting

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine Russia’s persecution of Ukrainian Christians, 10 a.m., 210-CHOB.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 24 through July 26, 2024

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During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations*: July 25, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”, an original bill entitled, “Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”, an original bill entitled, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act”, and an original bill entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: July 25, to hold hearings to examine advancing national security through export controls, investment security, and the Defense Production Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance*: July 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffrey Samuel Arbeit, of the District of Columbia, Benjamin A. Guider III, of Louisiana, and Cathy Fung, of California, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: July 25, to receive a closed briefing on international support for Russia’s war in Ukraine, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: July 25, business meeting to consider an authorization for investigation into the Bankruptcy of Steward Health Care, an authorization for Subpoena of Dr. Ralph de la Torre, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Steward Health



Care Systems LLC, for Testimony Relating to the Committee Investigation into the Bankruptcy of Steward Health Care, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 25, business meeting to consider S. 2783, to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, S. 3406, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos’ Fund, S. 4000, to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Lytton Rancheria of California, and S. 4365, to provide public health veterinary services to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for rabies prevention; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 4370, to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act, and S. 4505, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* July 25, Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the CFTC: Stakeholder Perspectives”, 8:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability,* July 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “Enhancing Cybersecurity by Eliminating Inconsistent Regulations”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

### Joint Meeting

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* July 24, to hold hearings to examine Russia’s persecution of Ukrainian Christians, 10 a.m., 210-CHOB.

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*(Senate will recess from 11:45 a.m. until 3 p.m. for their respective party conferences and the Joint Meeting of Congress.)*

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