

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5325–S5488

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4756–4769, S. Res. 768–770, and S. Con. Res. 38. **Pages S5343–44**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2025”. (S. Rept. No. 118–197) **Page S5343**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame Men’s Lacrosse Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 768, congratulating the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team for winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Lacrosse National Championship. **Pages S5331, S5344, S5346**

Recognizing the Importance of Mental Health for Youth: Senate agreed to S. Res. 769, recognizing the importance of mental health for youth in the United States, and expressing the pressing need for awareness and support for mental health care for children and adolescents. **Pages S5344, S5346–47, S5487**

Disability Pride Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 770, expressing support for the designation of July 2024 as “Disability Pride Month”. **Pages S5344, S5347, S5487**

Way Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Pages S5325–30, S5331–36**

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

By 78 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 215), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5331–32**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 25, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany S. 2073, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the House message to accompany the bill ripen at 2:15 p.m.; and that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Kashi Way, pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 23, 2024. **Pages S5487–88**

Landy Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S5336**

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

By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 216), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5336**

Taylor Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Pages S5336–41**

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 217), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5337**

Messages from the House: **Page S5343**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5487**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—217) Pages S5331–32, S5336–37

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5487–88.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 9115–9129; 1 private bill, H.R. 9130; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 193; and H. Res. 1381–1385, were introduced. Pages H4912–13

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H4914–15

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Self to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4863

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol on July 24, 1998. Page H4875

Recess: The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. The House reconvened at 3:54 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. Page H4877

Recess: The House recessed at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m. Page H4902

Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to 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, by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 392, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 391. Pages H4894–H4902, H4902–04

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: Establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump: H. Res. 1367, amended, establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 393. Pages H4891–94, H4904

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025: The House passed H.R. 8998, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 399. Consideration began yesterday, July 23rd. Pages H4867–77, H4881–91, H4904–09

Agreed to:

McCormick amendment (No. 56 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that reduces funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Programs and Management account by \$7 million; reallocates \$5 million to the EPA OIG for increased oversight of the EPA; Page H4868

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 72 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup; Page H4869

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 73 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for rule titled "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards"; Page H4869

Obernolte amendment (No. 75 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits any funds made

available by this Act from being used by the Environmental Protection Agency to approve a waiver for the California Air Resources Board's In-Use Locomotive Regulation; **Pages H4869–70**

Ogles amendment (No. 76 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds to carry out the provisions of section 50262 of Public Law 117–169 (Inflation Reduction Act); **Pages H4870–71**

Ogles amendment (No. 77 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds for the Environmental Financial Advisory Board of the Environmental Protection Agency; **Pages H4871–72**

Ogles amendment (No. 78 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds to be used by the Environmental Protection Agency for the U.S. Global Change Research Program; **Pages H4872–73**

Palmer amendment (No. 79 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits the EPA from using funds to arm agents as part of the agency's criminal enforcement division; **Pages H4873–74**

Brecheen amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that was debated on July 23rd that prohibits funding for any diversity, equity, and inclusion program or office (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 388); **Page H4875**

Palmer amendment (No. 80 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review"; **Pages H4881–82**

Perry amendment (No. 84 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits EPA from redesignating the Permian Basin as in nonattainment for ozone; **Pages H4884–86**

Stauber amendment (No. 88 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that ensures States and other cooperating entities that provide search and rescue services on Federal lands can receive reimbursement; **Pages H4886–87**

Stauber amendment (No. 89 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits any funds being used to designate the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness as a national monument under the Antiquities Act; **Pages H4887–88**

Stauber amendment (No. 90 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits any funds from being used to expand the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness; **Pages H4888–89**

Tenney amendment (No. 92 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that prohibits funding for Executive Order 14019, relating to Promoting Access to Voting; **Pages H4889–90**

Tiffany amendment (No. 93 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that strikes funding for the removal of roads that are no longer needed; and **Pages H4890–91**

Perry amendment (No. 85 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 397). **Pages H4886, H4907**

Rejected:

Brecheen amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that was debated on July 23rd that sought to defund the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and moves its \$12 million in appropriations to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 387); **Pages H4874–75**

Harshbarger amendment (No. 45 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that was debated on July 23rd that sought to prohibit funding for the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 389); **Pages H4875–76**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 57 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to reduce the salary of Ya-Wei (Jake) Li, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pesticide Programs to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 267 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 390); **Pages H4868–69, H4876–77**

Perry amendment (No. 81 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 394); **Pages H4882–83, H4905**

Perry amendment (No. 82 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 395); **Pages H4883–84, H4905–06**

Perry amendment (No. 83 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 396); and **Pages H4884, H4906–07**

Tenney amendment (No. 91 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–602) that sought to (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 256 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 398). **Pages H4889, H4907–08**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H4909**

H. Res. 1370, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8997) and (H.R. 8998) was agreed to yesterday, July 23rd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 25th. **Page H4909**

Discharge Petition: Representative Wild presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on

Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1346) a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7056) to prohibit the limitation of access to assisted reproductive technology, and all medical care surrounding such technology (Discharge Petition No. 15).

Senate Referral: S. 3696 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4881.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4874–75, H4875, H4876, H4876–77, H4903, H4903–04, H4904, H4905, H4905–06, H4906–07, H4907, H4907–08, and H4908–09.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAFEGUARDING WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS FROM OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OVERREACH AND SKEWED PRIORITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Workers and Employers from OSHA Overreach and Skewed Priorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials: Willie L. Phillips, Chairman; Mark C. Christie, Commissioner; David Rosner, Commissioner; Lindsay S. See, Commissioner; and Judy W. Chang, Commissioner.

HOUSING SOLUTIONS: CUTTING THROUGH GOVERNMENT RED TAPE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Housing Solutions: Cutting Through Government Red Tape”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LATIN AMERICA FORGOTTEN: A LOOK AT PRESIDENT BIDEN’S FY 2025 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Latin America Forgotten: A Look at President Biden’s FY 2025 Budget Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Brian Nichols, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Julieta Valls Noyes, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and Michael Camilleri, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

FROM DRUG INTERDICTIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN TO NATIONAL SECURITY PATROLS IN THE ARCTIC: EXAMINING U.S. COAST GUARD’S ROLE IN SECURING THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tiffany, Collins and Armstrong; Frank Lands, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Romaine Quinn, Senator, Wisconsin Senate; Joseph Heringer, Commissioner of University and Lands, North Dakota; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peltola, Newhouse and Johnson of South Dakota; William Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

WASTEFUL SPENDING AND INEFFICIENCIES: EXAMINING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLATFORM PERFORMANCE AND COSTS

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Wasteful Spending and Inefficiencies: Examining DoD Platform Performance and Costs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE OVERREACH: EXAMINING THE SBA’S ELECTIONEERING EFFORTS WITH ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS, JENNIFER KIM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Executive Overreach: Examining the SBA’s Electioneering Efforts with Associate Administrator of Office of Field Operations, Jennifer Kim”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Kim, Associate Administrator, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Small Business Administration.

EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Transportation’s Regulatory and Administrative Agenda”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 7906 and H.R. 9076 were ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings**RUSSIA’S PERSECUTION OF UKRAINIAN CHRISTIANS**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia’s persecution of Ukrainian Christians, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Moore, Ukraine Freedom Project; Mark Sergeev, Ukrainian pastor; and Catherine Wanner, Pennsylvania State University.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of South Dakota, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carmen G. Iguina Gonzalez, and Joseph Russell Palmore, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: 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 im-

prove 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 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, 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, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled "Enhancing Cybersecurity by Eliminating Inconsistent Regulations", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2073, Eliminate Useless Reports Act (the legislative vehicle for the Kids Online Safety and Privacy Act).

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 2073, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 25

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 1371—Strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border.

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