

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5901–S5956

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4999–5016, S.J. Res. 109, and S. Res. 806–807. **Page S5937**

Measures Reported:

S. 2293, to establish the Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers Council, Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers, and Artificial Intelligence Governance Boards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–216)

S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–217)

S. 3071, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–218)

S. 3698, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise references in such title to individuals with intellectual disabilities. (S. Rept. No. 118–219)

S. 4035, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–220)

S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–221)

S. 1890, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–222)

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Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Membership on Certain Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 807, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S5907–08**

205th Anniversary of Memphis, Tennessee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 806, recognizing May 22, 2024, as the 205th anniversary of the founding of Memphis, Tennessee, and acknowledging the role that Memphis has played in shaping the history, culture, and economy of the United States. **Page S5911**

Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act: Senate passed H.R. 7032, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies. **Page S5945**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 124, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act. **Page S5946**

National Ataxia Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 794, designating September 25, 2024, as "National Ataxia Awareness Day", and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5946**

Ritz Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S5907**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Page S5907**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5907**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination. **Page S5907**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, September 11, 2024; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate on Monday, September 9, 2024, ripen at 2:15 p.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, all time be considered expired at 5 p.m. **Page S5946**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 232), Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Pages S5901–06, S5956**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 234), Jeannette A. Vargas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S5907, S5956**

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 233), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5906–07**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S5946–56**

Messages from the House: **Pages S5935–36**

Measures Referred: **Pages S5936–37**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5939–40**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5933–35**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5935–45**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—234) **Pages S5906–07**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5946.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. COMPANIES' TECHNOLOGY AND RUSSIA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine U.S. companies' technology, focusing on the Russian war machine, after receiving testimony from Michelle Stout, Analog Devices, Inc., Wilmington, Massachusetts; Tiffany Scurry, Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., and Jeff Rittener, Intel Corporation, both of Santa Clara, California; and Shannon Thompson, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Dallas, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 9511–9533; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 128; and H. Res. 1431–1436, were introduced. **Pages H5155–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5157–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1430, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1398) to establish the CCP Initiative pro-

gram, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1425) to require any convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reached by the World Health Assembly to be subject to Senate ratification; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

7980) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude vehicles the batteries of which contain materials sourced from prohibited foreign entities from the clean vehicle credit; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9456) to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 with respect to foreign investments in United States agriculture, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9494) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–656);

H.R. 7150, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve equitable access to certain benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to improve certain outreach to individuals who served uniformed services and dependents of such individuals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–657);

H.R. 5890, to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to deny the claim of a veteran for benefits under the laws administered by such Secretary on the sole basis that such veteran failed to appear for a medical examination associated with such claim, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–658);

H.R. 5870, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the processing of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the transparency of actions of Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–659);

H.R. 3790, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–660); and

H.R. 5179, to require the maintenance of the country of origin markings for imported goods produced in the West Bank or Gaza, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–661).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pence to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5101

Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H5107

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Lisa Wink Schultz, Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, DC. Pages H5107–08

Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Page H5117

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, September 9th.

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) Certification Act: H.R. 1103, amended, to require the President to remove the extension of certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices if Hong Kong no longer enjoys a high degree of autonomy from the People's Republic of China, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 405. Page H5119

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1431, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. Page H5119

Recess: The House recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. Page H5128

DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act: The House passed H.R. 1516, to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 249 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 408. Pages H5119–28, H5128–29, H5130

Rejected the Magaziner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security by a yeas-and-nays vote of 197 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 407. Pages H5129–30

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–45 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. Page H5135

Agreed to:

Gottheimer amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–656) that adds the Delegitimization of U.S.-Taiwan Relations to List of Qualifications for "Entities of Concern";

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Stauber amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–656) that amends the definition of "Chinese entities of concern" in Section 2 to include "aides, abets, or enables the detention, imprisonment, persecution, or forced labor of Uyghur Muslims";

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Crockett amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–656) that adds engaging in efforts to interfere in U.S. federal, state, and local elections to List of Qualifications for "Entities of Concern";

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Cline amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–656) that adds the Chinese Academy of

Sciences to the bill's definition of a "Chinese entity of concern"; **Pages H5126–27**

Nunn amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–656) that adds the Thousand Talents Program to the list of restricted, Chinese Entities of Concern; and **Pages H5127–28**

Cline amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–656) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to report to Congress any institution of higher education that has a relationship with a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of concern and receives funds from the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 406). **Pages H5128–29**

H. Res. 1430, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1398), (H.R. 1425), (H.R. 1516), (H.R. 7980), (H.R. 9456), and (H.R. 9494) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 404, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 403. **Pages H5117–18**

Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024: The House considered H.R. 1398, to establish the CCP Initiative program. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 11th. **Pages H5130–39**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–46 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill pursuant to Part II of House Report 118–319. **Page H5124**

Agreed to:

Gottheimer amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–656) that amends bill report to include information about public and private sector cooperation; **Pages H5135–36**

Gottheimer amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–656) that amends bill report to include information about CCP's financial intelligence capabilities; **Page H5136**

Molinaro amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–656) that adds to the annual report an assessment on the economic loss to the United States as a result of hacking and trade secret theft by the Chinese Communist Party; **Pages H5136–37**

Molinaro amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–656) that adds to section 2 a requirement to identify intellectual property theft of small businesses by the Chinese Communist Party; **Page H5137**

Mills (FL) amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–656) that includes an analysis of national security risks on CCP unmanned aircraft

and associated elements in the national airspace system; and **Pages H5137–38**

Mills (FL) amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–656) that requires the CCP Initiative to investigate investments made by Chinese companies and subsidiaries listed on the Bureau of Industry and Security's Entity List and the DOD's PRC Military Companies list. **Pages H5138–39**

H. Res. 1430, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1398), (H.R. 1425), (H.R. 1516), (H.R. 7980), (H.R. 9456), and (H.R. 9494) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 404, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 403. **Pages H5117–19**

Discharge Petition: Representative Graves (LA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1410) a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 82) to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (Discharge Petition No. 16).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5117–18, H5118–19, H5119, H5128–29, H5129–30 and H5130.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: THE VALUE OF EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "ERISA's 50th Anniversary: The Value of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HUMAN FOODS AND TOBACCO PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Evaluating FDA Human Foods and Tobacco Programs". Testimony was heard from James Jones, Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Brian King, Director, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

FROM INTRODUCTION TO IMPLEMENTATION: A BROADBAND EQUITY ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “From Introduction to Implementation: A BEAD Program Progress Report”. Testimony was heard from Misty Ann Giles, Director and Chief Operating Officer, Department of Administration, Montana; and public witnesses.

DECODING DECENTRALIZED FINANCE: BREAKING DOWN THE FUTURE OF DECENTRALIZED FINANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Decoding DeFi: Breaking Down the Future of Decentralized Finance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FALL OF ESG: SCRUTINIZING THE FAILED USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE STANDARDS AND THE INFLUENCE OF PROXY ADVISORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Fall of ESG: Scrutinizing the Failed Use of Environmental, Social, and Governance Standards and the Influence of Proxy Advisors”. Testimony was heard from Michael Frerichs, State Treasurer, Illinois; and public witnesses.

THE GOLDMAN ACT TURNS 10: HOLDING HAGUE CONVENTION VIOLATORS ACCOUNTABLE AND BRINGING ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN HOME

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Goldman Act Turns 10: Holding Hague Convention Violators Accountable and Bringing Abducted American Children Home”. Testimony was heard from Robert T. Koepcke, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Japan, Korea, and Mongolia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Michelle Bernier-Toth, Special Advisor for Children’s Issues, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

THE BIDEN-HARRIS BORDER CRISIS: VICTIM PERSPECTIVES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Biden-Harris Border Crisis: Victim Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Mike Boudreaux, Sheriff, Tulare County, California; and public witnesses.

THE BIDEN-HARRIS BORDER CRISIS: NONCITIZEN VOTING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “The Biden-Harris Border Crisis: Noncitizen Voting”. Testimony was heard from Cord Byrd, Secretary of State, Florida; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2024

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024”. Testimony was heard from Taylor Ruggles, Senior Advisor, Department of State; John Brewer, Jr., Director, Office of Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior; Anka Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense; Miguel LaPuz, Special Assistant, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE GONE WILD: EXAMINING OPERATION LONG TAIL LIBERATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Fish and Wildlife Service Gone Wild: Examining Operation Long Tail Liberation”. Testimony was heard from Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 6352, the “Tax Stamp Revenue Transfer for Wildlife and Recreation Act”; H.R. 8413, the “Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act”; H.R. 8632, the “BIOSAFE Act of 2024”; H.R. 8836, “Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act”; and legislation to require the Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a coastal protection and restoration grant program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Moore of Utah, Smith of Nebraska, Grothman, Zinke, and Graves of Louisiana; Steve Guertin, Deputy Director for Program Management and Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Paul Nichols, Chairman, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, Nebraska; Richard Spinrad, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
EXAMINING A PATH FORWARD TO ASSESS
AGENCIES' EFFORTS TO PREVENT
IMPROPER PAYMENTS AND FRAUD**

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Where Do We Go From Here? Examining a Path Forward to Assess Agencies’ Efforts to Prevent Improper Payments and Fraud”. Testimony was heard from Orice Williams Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Government Accountability Office; Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Pandemic Response Accountability Office; and a public witness.

**A HEARING WITH FORMER NEW YORK
GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO**

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “A Hearing with former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

**RISKS AND REWARDS: ENCOURAGING
COMMERCIAL SPACE INNOVATION WHILE
MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Risks and Rewards: Encouraging Commercial Space Innovation While Maintaining Public Safety”. Testimony was heard from Kelvin Coleman, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Mike French, Vice Chair, Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8033, the “Regulatory Transparency for Small Businesses Act”; H.R. 9031, the “Assurance for Small Business Act of 2024”; H.R. 9032, the “Enhanced Regulatory Flexibility Assessment Act”; H.R. 9030, the “Regulatory Agenda Clarity Act”; H.R. 9085, the “Regulatory Review Improvement Act of 2024”; H.R. 9033, the “Let American Businesses be On Record Act”; and H.R. 7198, the “Prove It Act of 2024”. H.R. 8033, H.R. 9031, H.R. 9032, H.R. 9030, H.R. 9085, H.R. 9033, and H.R. 7198 were ordered reported, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting on the resolution for the subcommittee assignments of Representative Timothy

M. Kennedy; and the Subpoena Resolution offered by Chairman Bost. The resolution for subcommittee assignments and the subpoena resolution passed.

**ACCOUNTABLE OR ABSENT?: EXAMINING
VA LEADERSHIP UNDER THE BIDEN-
HARRIS ADMINISTRATION**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Accountable or Absent?: Examining VA Leadership Under the Biden-Harris Administration”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Shereef Elnahal, M.D., Under Secretary for Health; Joshua Jacobs, Under Secretary for Benefits; and Michael J. Missal, Inspector General.

**MISSION TRANSITION: EVALUATING
MENAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR
SEPARATING SERVICEMEMBERS**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Mission Transition: Evaluating Menal Health Support Programs for Separating Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from Melissa Cohen, Executive Director, Outreach Transition, and Economic Development, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jill Debord, Executive Director, Care Management and Social Work, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Susan Orsega, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Services Policy and Oversight, Department of Defense; Alyssa Hundrup, Director of Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and James Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor.

Joint Meetings

ARMENIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine supporting Armenia’s democracy and Western future, after receiving testimony from Dan Baer, former Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Department of State; Tigran Grigoryan, Regional Center for Democracy and Security in Yerevan; and Olesya Vartanyan.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine social security, focusing on delivering benefits and protecting retirement security, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, and Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, all to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, S. 4242 and H.R. 4385, to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 4245 and H.R. 5770, to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, S. 4458, to reauthorize the Reclamation Rural Water Supply Act of 2006, S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, an original bill to establish a new Reclamation program to support collaborative positions at eligible partner organizations to help develop, fund, and implement water projects with benefits for water management and the environment, an original bill to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, an original bill to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Program, an original bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, an original bill to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee and to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety, an original bill to amend Public Law 89-108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, an original bill to make certain modifications to the repayment period and payment of interest for the Fryngpan-Arkansas project in the State of Colorado, an original bill to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, and H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order

10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julie Smith, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), Stephanie L. Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Douglas D. Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Michael G. Heath, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, and Mary E. Daschbach, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; and Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture of the House Committee on Agriculture, joint hearing entitled “Severe Food Distribution Shortages in Tribal and Elderly Communities”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing: Congress and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO): Examining Ways to Improve CBO”, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5646, the “Stop Campus Hazing Act”; H.R. 7233, the “Jenna Quinn Law of 2024”; H.R. 736, the “PROTECT Kids Act”; H.J. Res. 181, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Definition of ‘Employer’-Association Health Plans”; H.R. 3120, the “Healthy Competition for Better Care Act”; and H.R. 9457, the “Transparent Telehealth Bills Act of 2024”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “From Gas to Groceries: Americans Pay the Price of the Biden-Harris Energy Agenda”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “A Year Removed: Oversight of Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act Implementation”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Transparency in Global Governance”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Great Power Competition in Africa”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing entitled “Countering Malign PRC Influence in Europe”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9460, the “DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 9459, the “PATHS Act”; and H.R. 9458, the “Enhancing Stakeholder Support and Outreach for Preparedness Grants Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: Looking Ahead to the 2024 General Election”, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Mary Kay Lanthier, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 9456—Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024. Consideration of H.R. 1425—No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act. Consideration of H.R. 9494—Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025. Complete consideration of H.R. 1398—Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024.

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