

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6041–S6069*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5055–5059, and S. Res. 817–821. **Pages S6053–54**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 817, designating the week beginning September 8, 2024, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”. **Page S6054**

**80th Anniversary of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 818, expressing support for and celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944. **Pages S6054–55**

**National Lobster Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 819, designating September 25, 2024, as “National Lobster Day”. **Page S6055**

**National Estuaries Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 820, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 21 through September 28, 2024, as “National Estuaries Week”. **Pages S6055–56**

**National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 821, expressing support for designation of the week of September 15 through 21, 2024, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”. **Page S6056**

**Pennell Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Pages S6048–49**

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 Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6049**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6048**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6048**

**Court Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michelle Williams Court, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S6049**

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 Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Page S6049**

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**Costello Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 11:30 a.m., and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader; and that at 2:15 p.m., Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4445, to protect and expand nationwide access to fertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization, and that the Majority Leader be recognized at 3:30 p.m. **Pages S6068–69**

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

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 240), Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S6046**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—240) **Page S6046**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6069.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet.)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 9591–9613; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 203; and H. Res. 1449–1451, were introduced. **Pages H5237–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5240**

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

H.R. 7323, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–675, Part 1);

H.R. 7342, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–676);

H.R. 705, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system (H. Rept. 118–677); and

H.R. 9487, to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 to authorize the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives to designate more than one of the attorneys of the Office of the Legislative Counsel as a Deputy Legislative Counsel, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–678).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5235**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3764 was held at the desk. S. 2120 was held at the desk. **Page H5235**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 5235.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D803)

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. Signed on September 13, 2024. (Public Law 118–79)

S. 1608, to provide for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas. Signed on September 13, 2024. (Public Law 118–80)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Randall Reed, USAF, to be general and Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Lieutenant General Xavier T. Brunson, USA, to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine risks and harm in the private student lending and servicing market, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine lowering health care costs for Americans, focusing on the Inflation Reduction Act, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the national security risks of replacing nonpartisan civil servants with political appointees, focusing on ensuring a trustworthy government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine stemming the tide of hate crimes in America, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold an oversight hearing to examine AI, focusing on insiders' perspectives, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3724, the "Accreditation for College Excellence Act of 2023" [End Woke Higher Education Act]; H.R. 4790, the "Guiding Uniform and Responsible Disclosure Requirements and Information Limits Act of 2023" [Prioritizing Economic Growth Over Woke Policies Act]; H.R. 5179, the "Anti-BDS Labeling Act"; H.R. 5339, the "RETIRE Act" [Protecting Americans' Investments from Woke Policies Act]; H.R. 5717, the "No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act"; H.R. 7909, the "Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act"; H.J. Res. 136, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles", 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 17 through  
September 20, 2024

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4445, Right to IVF Act. At approximately 3:30 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* September 18, Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research, to hold hearings to examine keeping kids learning in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Armed Services:* September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Randall Reed, USAF, to be general and Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Lieutenant General Xavier T. Brunson, USA, to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 17, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine risks and harm in the private student lending and servicing market, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

September 18, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the macroeconomic impacts of potential tax reform in 2025, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 18, to hold hearings to examine aviation cybersecurity threats, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 19, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard drug interdiction and enforcement in the maritime environment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 19, to hold hearings to examine fusion energy technology development and commercialization efforts, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 18, to hold hearings to examine America's regional commissions, focusing on sharing best practices in regional and economic development, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* September 17, to hold hearings to examine lowering health care costs for Americans, focusing on the Inflation Reduction Act, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John W. McIntyre, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Jeremy Neitzke, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Abigail L. Dressel, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, James Holtsnider, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, Brian K. Stimmler, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, and Amanda S. Jacobsen, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 19, business meeting to consider an original resolution directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, an original resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate regarding the refusal of Dr. Ralph de la Torre to appear and testify before the Committee, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* September 17, to hold hearings to examine the national security risks of replacing nonpartisan civil servants with political appointees, focusing on ensuring a trustworthy government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 18, Full Committee, business meeting to continue 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. 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, to prohibit minimum education requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, S. 4700, to modify the governmentwide financial management plan, S. 4656, to amend title 5, United States Code, concerning restrictions on the participation of certain Federal employees in partisan political activity, S. 4651, to require agencies to use information and communications technology products obtained from original equipment manufacturers or authorized resellers, S. 4419, to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations, S. 4321, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit the payment of annuities and retired pay to individuals convicted of certain sex crimes, S. 2546, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office", S. 3946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in Bastrop, Texas, as the "Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office", S. 4077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Dianne Feinstein Post Office", H.R. 5527, to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund, H.R. 7219, to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, H.R. 7524, to

amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made, H.R. 3254, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, H.R. 6174, to improve the biodefense functions of the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 272, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations, H.R. 4403, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program, H.R. 5887, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to improve Government service delivery, and build related capacity for the Federal Government, H.R. 7525, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations, H.R. 4467, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico, H.R. 599, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”, H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”, H.R. 1098, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office”, H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 3608, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California, as the “Major Megan McClung Post Office Building”, H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”, H.R. 5476, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the “Susan C. Barnhart Post Office”, H.R. 5640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building”, H.R. 5712, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the “Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building”, H.R. 5985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the “Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building”, H.R. 6073, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Christopher David Fitz-

gerald Post Office Building”, H.R. 6651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in Necedah, Wisconsin, as the “Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building”, H.R. 7192, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the “Dr. William I. ‘Bill’ Kott Post Office Building”, H.R. 7199, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the “Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office”, H.R. 7423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Sherri Malloy Beatty-Arthur, Rahkel Bouchet, Erin Camille Johnston, Ray D. McKenzie, and John Cuong Truong, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 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:* September 18, business meeting to consider S. 2695, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, S. 3857, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, S. 4442, to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to 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; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 17, to hold hearings to examine stemming the tide of hate crimes in America, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

September 17, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold an oversight hearing to examine AI, focusing on insiders’ perspectives, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2220, to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, S. 2140, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address matters relating to patent subject matter eligibility, S. 4713, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Ryan Young Park, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Byron B. Conway, to

be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Jonathan E. Hawley, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, April M. Perry, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Gail A. Weilheimer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Joseph R. Adams, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, David L. Lemmon II, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Bobby Jack Woods, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* September 18, to hold hearings to examine streamlining and coordinating support for rural small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 18, to hold hearings to examine current and future VA budget challenges, focusing on providing for veterans, 3 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 17, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign threats to elections in 2024, focusing on roles and responsibilities of U.S. tech providers, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* September 19, to hold hearings to examine how scammers are stealing from older adults, focusing on fighting fraud, 10 a.m., SD-106.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* September 18, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Inspectors General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Findings and Recommendations of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Oversight of Extremism Policies in the Army”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* September 18, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Examining the Biden-Harris Attacks on Tipped Workers”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* September 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 670, the “Think Differently Database Act”; H.R. 8107, the “Ensuring Access to Medicaid Buy-in Programs Act of 2024”; H.R. 8108, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to add a Medicaid State plan requirement with respect to the determination of residency of certain individuals serving in the Armed Forces; H.R. 3433, the “Give Kids a Chance Act of 2024”; H.R. 7188, the “Shandra Eisenga Human Cell and Tissue Product Safety Act”; H.R. 7623, the “Tele-

health Modernization Act of 2024”; H.R. 3227, the “Ensuring Seniors’ Access to Quality Care Act”; H.R. 9067, the “Building America’s Health Care Workforce Act”; H.R. 7155, the “United States-Abraham Accords Cooperation and Security Act of 2024”; H.J. Res. 139, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services relating to “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting”; H.R. 7890, the “Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act”; H.R. 7891, Kids Online Safety Act”; H.R. 8449, the “AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act”; H.J. Res. 163, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule”; H.J. Res. 133, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3”; and H.J. Res. 117, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “Holding the Biden-Harris EPA Accountable for Radical Rush-to-Green Spending”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission Practices: A Discussion on Past Versus Present”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 18, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Dazed and Confused: Breaking Down the SEC’s Politicized Approach to Digital Assets”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Protecting Americans’ Savings: Examining the Economics of the Multi-Billion Dollar Romance Confidence Scam Industry”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Israel and the Middle East at a Crossroads: How Tehran’s Terror Campaign Threatens the U.S. and our Allies”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled “Money is Policy, Part II:

Analyzing Select State Department Grant Awards”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 19, Full Committee, markup on Committee Report, Recommending the House of Representatives find Antony Blinken, Secretary, U.S. Department of State, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Maduro Stole the Elections Again: The Response to Fraud in Venezuela”, 11 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Country Without Borders: How the Biden-Harris Open Borders Policies Have Undermined Our Safety and Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

September 19, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, joint hearing entitled “Beyond the Border: Terrorism and Homeland Security Consequences of Illegal Immigration”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, September 18, Subcommittee on Modernization, hearing entitled “Continuity of Congress: Preparing for the Future by Learning from the Past”, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 18, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Oversight of Homeland Security Investigations”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, September 18, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1479, the “Chiricahua National Park Act”; H.R. 1504, the “Apex Area Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 8931, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; H.R. 8946, the “Reversionary Interest Conveyance Act”; H.R. 9159, the “Appalachian Trail Centennial Act”; H.R. 9492, to amend Public Law 99–338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits; H.R. 9516, the “Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act”; and S. 612, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3283, the “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 4235, the “Wildfire Technology DEMO Act”; H.R. 5103, the “FISHES Act”; H.R. 6012, the “Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act of 2023”; H.R. 6085, to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming; H.R. 6107, the “Urban Canal Modernization Act”; H.R. 6547, the “Colorado Energy Prosperity Act”; H.R. 6826, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center; H.R. 6843, to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; H.R. 7332, the “Utah State Parks Adjustment Act”; H.R. 8219, the “Lahaina National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 8413, the “Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances

Act”; H.R. 8704, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to foster enhanced coexistence between ocean users and North Atlantic right whales and other large cetacean species; H.R. 8811, the “America’s Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 9533, the “ESA Amendments Act of 2024”; and S. 612, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, September 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3642, the “Executive Branch Accountability and Transparency Act of 2023”; legislation on the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2024; legislation on the Federal Register Modernization Act; H.R. 5300, the “GAO Inspector General Parity Act”; legislation on the Federal Acquisition Security Council Improvement Act of 2024; legislation on the Value Over Cost Act; legislation on the Federal Improvement in Technology Procurement Act; H.R. 9566, the “Source Code Harmonization And Reuse in Information Technology Act”; H.R. 5536, the “Grant Transparency Act of 2023”; legislation on the Protecting Taxpayers Wallet Act; legislation on the Manager Attitudes and Notions According to Government Employee Responses Act; H.R. 8784, the “Full Responsibility and Expedited Enforcement Act”; H.R. 825, the “Banning Operations and Leases with the Illegitimate Venezuelan Authoritarian Regime Act”; and several postal naming measures, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Legacy of Incompetence: Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Policy Failures”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, September 19, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Navigating the Blue Frontier: Evaluating the Potential of Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Approaches”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Holding the SBA Accountable: Testimony from Small Business Administrator Guzman”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8689, the “Amtrak Executive Bonus Disclosure Act”; H.R. 3149, to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the “National Medal of Honor Highway”, and for other purposes; H.R. 3988, the “Assuring that Robust, Thorough, and Informed Congressional Leadership is Exercised Over National Emergencies Act”; H.R. 6435, the “Making Aid for Local Disasters Equal Now Act”; H.R. 2672, the “FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act”; H.R. 6997, the “Disaster Contract Improvement Act”; H.R. 8530, the “Improving Federal Building Security Act of 2024”; H.R. 2892, the “Weather Alert Response and Notification Act”; H.R. 6984, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”, and for other purposes; legislation to require the Administrator of General Services to sell certain property

related to United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and for other purposes; H.R. 8692, the “Amtrak Transparency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act”; H.R. 9135, the “Ensuring Airline Resiliency to Reduce Delays and Cancellations Act”; H.R. 8995, the “Baby Changing on Board Act”; H.R. 4043, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to expand eligibility for certain wastewater infrastructure grants, and for other purposes; H.R. 9037, the “Federal Emergency Mobilization Accountability (FEMA) Workforce Planning Act”; H.R. 9541, the “Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience Act of 2024”; H.R. 3356, the “Motor Carrier Safety Screening Modernization Act”; H.R. 8505, the “Household Goods Shipping Consumer Protection Act”; H.R. 7779, the “Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024”; H.R. 1720, the “Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II”; H.R. 8728, the “State-Managed Disaster Relief Act”; H.R. 1605, the “Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act of 2023”; H.R. 8616, the “Ensuring Quality Investments in Preparedness Act of 2024”; H.R. 9121, the “Fire Management Assistance Grants for Tribal Governments Act”; H.R. 5623, the “Addressing Addiction After Disasters Act”; H.R. 6083, the “Duplications of Benefits Victims Relief Act”; H.R. 9313, the “Think Differently About Building Accessibility Act”; H.R. 9024, the “Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act”; H.R. 8610, the “Counter-UAS Authority Security, Safety, and Reauthorization Act”; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Veterans Homes on the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 9324, the “Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2024”; H.R. 9478, the “Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act”; H.R. 9525, the “Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act”; H.R. 7504, the “Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act”; H.R. 9301, the “New Mexico Rural Veteran Health Care Access Act”; H.R. 9485, the “Enhancing Faith-Based Support for Veterans Act of 2024”; H.R. 9438, the “No Wrong Door for Veterans Act”; H.R. 9146, the “Ensuring Continuity in Veterans Health Act”; and H.R. 8562, the “Parity for Native Hawaiian Veterans Act”, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

September 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Dial 988+1: Examining the Operations of the Veterans Crisis Line”, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

September 19, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “VA’s Open Cash Register: Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Revenue Operations”, 9 a.m., 360 Cannon.

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*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party*, September 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “How the CCP Uses the Law to Silence Critics and Enforce its Rule”, 9:15 a.m., HVC–210.

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**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4445, Right to IVF Act. At approximately 3:30 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mary Kathleen Costello until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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