

agreement was reached providing that if Senate receives H.R. 9614, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent, from the House of Representatives, the text of which is identical to S. 4539, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent, Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and the bill be passed. **Page S6319**

Tennessee Valley Authority Salary Transparency Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4693, to provide that the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 does not apply to certain reports required to be submitted by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S6319**

Jenkins Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S6191**

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

By 76 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6204**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 23, 2024; and that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m. **Page S6204**

Sfraga Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs. **Page S6202**

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 Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S6204**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6202**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6202**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—248) **Pages S6199, S6204**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:53 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6322.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COAST GUARD DRUG INTERDICTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded a hearing to examine Coast Guard drug interdiction and enforcement in the maritime environment, including actions needed to address persistent challenges hindering efforts to counter illicit maritime drug smuggling, after receiving testimony from Admiral Kevin E. Lunday, Vice Commandant, Rear Admiral Jo-Ann Burdian, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South, and Rear Admiral Bob Little, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West, all of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

FUSION ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fusion energy technology development and commercialization efforts, after receiving testimony from Jean Paul Allain, Associate Director for Fusion Energy Sciences, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Jackie Siebens, Helion Energy, Everett, Washington; and Patrick White, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Brewster, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, 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, Amanda S. Jacobsen, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Keith D. Hanigan, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, Kali C. Jones, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Stephanie A. Miley, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, and Christophe Andre Tocco, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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; and

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of 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, and David L. Lemmon II, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, both of the Department of Justice.

FIGHTING FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how scammers are stealing from older adults, focusing on fighting fraud, after receiving testimony from Susan Whittaker, Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Scott Pirrello, San Diego District Attorney's Office, San Diego, California; Kathy Stokes, AARP Fraud Watch Network, Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Gilmer Moore, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Indianapolis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 9673–9713; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 205–206; and H. Res. 1469–1478, were introduced. **Pages H5522–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5526–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5526, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the application of the in-office ancillary services exception to the physician self-referral prohibition for drugs furnished under the Medicare program, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–691, Part 1);

H.R. 6319, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to review and make certain revisions to the Standard Occupational Classi-

fication System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–692);

H.R. 2941, to require the Office of Management and Budget to revise the Standard Occupational Classification system to establish a separate code for direct support professionals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–693); and

H.R. 2574, to require the Secretary of Labor to revise the Standard Occupational Classification System to accurately count the number of emergency medical services practitioners in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–694). **Page H5522**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Maloy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5451**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H5461**