

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6339–S6385*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5143–5163, and S. Res. 845–855. **Pages S6368–69**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–231)

S. 1776, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–232)

S. 3606, to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6366**

#### Measures Passed:

**Enhanced Presidential Security Act:** Senate passed H.R. 9106, to direct the Director of the United States Secret Service to apply the same standards for determining the number of agents required to protect Presidents, Vice Presidents, and major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. **Pages S6353–55**

**WILD Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5009, to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6380–81**

Schumer (for Carper/Capito) Amendment No. 3294, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6380–81**

**Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 91, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6381–82**

Schumer (for Hagerty) Amendment No. 3295, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6381–82**

**Hello Girls Congressional Gold Medal Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 815, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the “Hello Girls”, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6382**

Schumer (for Tester) Amendment No. 3296, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6382**

**National Concussion Awareness Day:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 812, supporting the designation of September 20, 2024, as “National Concussion Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6382**

**Honoring Wadee Alfayoumi:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 847, honoring Wadee Alfayoumi, a 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy, murdered as a victim of a hate crime for his Palestinian-Muslim identity, in the State of Illinois. **Page S6382**

**National Hazing Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 848, designating the week of September 23 through September 27, 2024, as “National Hazing Awareness Week”. **Page S6382**

**National Dyslexia Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 849, calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed, and designating October 2024 as “National Dyslexia Awareness Month”. **Page S6382**

**National Country Music Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 850, designating October 2024 as “National Country Music Month”. **Page S6382**

**National Bison Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 851, designating November 2, 2024, as “National Bison Day”. **Page S6382**

**National Early Childhood Literacy Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 852, designating October 20, 2024 as “National Early Childhood Literacy Awareness Day”. **Page S6382**

**National Service Dog Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 853, expressing support for recognizing September 20 as National Service Dog Day. **Page S6382**

**Authorizing Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 854, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Kelley*. **Page S6382**

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**COCOA Act:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6513, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6382–83**

Schumer (for McConnell) Amendment No. 3297, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6382–83**

**Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of 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”, ripen at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, no later than Thursday, September 26, 2024. **Page S6347**

**Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.R. 9747, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2025, from the House, Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that there be up to two hours for debate, equally divided, and with no amendments or motions in order to the bill; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage. **Page S6358**

**Perry Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of April M. Perry, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S6348–53**

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 Byron B. Conway, of Wis-

consin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. **Page S6348**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6348**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6348**

**Conway Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Byron B. Conway, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:40 a.m., Senator Paul be recognized for up to 20 minutes and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senator Paul be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res 41, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; that if the motion to proceed is not made or not agreed to, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Byron B. Conway; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all time be considered expired at 3:45 p.m. **Page S6383**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 251), Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs. **Pages S6339–48**

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

By 56 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 250), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6347**

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

16 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S6358–61, S6383–85**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S6363–64**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S6364**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S6364**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S6366–68**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S6369–70**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:****Pages S6370–76****Additional Statements:****Pages S6361–63****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S6376–80****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S6380****Privileges of the Floor: Page S6380****Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—251) **Page S6347**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6383.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William Isaac White, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 6,028 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine women's health care, after receiving testimony from Amelia Huntsberger, formerly of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Eugene, Oregon; Christina Francis, American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Heather G. Hacker, Hacker Stephens LLP, Austin, Texas; Michele Bratcher Goodwin, Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Washington, D.C.; and Kaitlyn Joshua, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### CYBERSPACE UNDER THREAT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine cyberspace under threat in the era of rising authoritarianism and global competition, after receiving testimony from Laura Cunningham, Open Technology Fund, Washington, D.C.; David Kaye, University of California

School of Law, Irvine; and Jamil N. Jaffer, National Security Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN FEDERAL CONTRACTING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine conflicts of interest in Federal contracting to protect America's future, focusing on safeguarding the homeland, including S. 3810, to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, after receiving testimony from Jessica Tillipman, The George Washington University Law School, Rush Doshi, Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service, on behalf of the Council on Foreign Relations, Clark Packard, Cato Institute, and Bryan Riley, National Taxpayers Union Free Trade Initiative, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOVO NORDISK'S HIGH PRICES FOR OZEMPIC AND WEGOVY

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Novo Nordisk's high prices for Ozempic and Wegovy for patients with diabetes and obesity, after receiving testimony from Lars Fruergaard Jorgensen, Novo Nordisk, Bagsvaerd, Denmark.

### SUPREME COURT'S IMMUNITY DECISION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Supreme Court's immunity decision, after receiving testimony from Philip Allen Lacovara, former Deputy Solicitor General, and Michael B. Mukasey, former Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice; Mary B. McCord, Georgetown University Law Center Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection, and Jennifer L. Mascott, Catholic University Law School Separation of Powers Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Timothy J. Naftali, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, New York, New York.

### 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:** 26 public bills, H.R. 9768–9783; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 130; and H. Res. 1492–1499, were introduced. **Pages H5745–47**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5748–49**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ezell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5651**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H5659**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H5669**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, September 23rd.

**DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program Act:** H.R. 3208, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 445; **Page H5671**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the “Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office”:** H.R. 8057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the “Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay” and two answering “present”, Roll No. 446; and **Pages H5671–72**

**Next Generation Pipelines Research and Development Act:** H.R. 7073, amended, to improve public-private partnerships and increase Federal research, development, and demonstration related to the evolution of next generation pipeline systems, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 447. **Pages H5672–73**

**Fix Our Forests Act:** The House passed H.R. 8790, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience

to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, by a yea-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 448. **Pages H5673–H5704**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–705 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H5673–88**

Agreed to:

Molinaro amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that adds consideration of a strategy for reducing the threat of wildfires to wildland firefighters to the fire assessment; **Page H5688**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 2 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that directs the United States Forest Service to expand the use of proactive, targeted animal grazing in fuels management programs to reduce wildfire risk; **Pages H5688–89**

Valadao amendment (No. 3 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) as modified that requires the U.S. Forest Service to conduct an evaluation of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS) to assess the use of such a system to mitigate and suppress wildfires; **Pages H5689–90**

Garamendi amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that clarifies that special districts are eligible to participate in the wildfire-related programs authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003; **Pages H5690–91**

Obernolte amendment (No. 5 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) as modified that adds thermal mid-wave infrared equipped low earth orbit satellites as a prioritized emerging technology for agencies to implement through public-private partnerships for wildfire mitigation and detection; **Pages H5691–92**

Harder (CA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that authorizes a Department of Interior Casualty Assistance Program to provide assistance to firefighters and the families of firefighters who were critically injured, ill, or killed in the line-of-duty; **Pages H5692–93**

Barr amendment (No. 7 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that directs the US Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to address reforestation and re-generation issues specific to the White Oak species through the White Oak Initiative and pilot projects; **Pages H5693–95**

Pettersen amendment (No. 8 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that expands nursery and seed

capacity work to support reforestation and restoration by state, Tribal, and local governments and institutions of higher education; **Pages H5695–97**

Mullin amendment (No. 9 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that adds artificial intelligence and other decision support tools for use by the Fireshed Center; **Page H5697**

Valadao amendment (No. 10 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that expands public and private forestry and watershed management partnerships by reducing redundancy for existing water source management plans and increasing the number of eligible entities; **Pages H5697–98**

Boebert amendment (No. 11 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that allows GNA revenue to be used for reconstruction, repair, and restoration of non-NFS roads necessary to implement GNA projects on federal lands, allows GNA cooperators to construct new permanent roads on federal lands that is necessary to implement authorized restoration activities and approved by the federal agency through an Environmental Analysis or Categorical Exclusion decision, and allows GNA cooperators to complete new permanent road construction to replace and decommission existing permanent road(s) that are adversely impacting forest, rangeland, or watershed health; **Pages H5698–99**

Boebert amendment (No. 12 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that clarifies existing authorities may be utilized to prevent wildfires in Fire Regimes IV and V which are located in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, Maine, West Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, Ohio, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, Iowa, Florida, and Texas; **Pages H5699–H5700**

Boebert amendment (No. 13 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that ensures grazing is one of the hazardous fuels reduction activities authorized by the bill; **Page H5700**

Boebert amendment (No. 14 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that requires regional foresters to submit a plan through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for the treatment and removal of trees killed by or infested with bark beetles in Western states; **Pages H5700–01**

Boebert amendment (No. 15 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that requires regional foresters to submit a plan for the sale of Christmas trees and firewood on federal lands; and **Pages H5701–02**

LaLota amendment (No. 16 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–705) that directs the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study on the impacts pine

beetles have in the Northeastern region of the United States. **Pages H5702–03**

H. Res. 1486, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3334), (H.R. 8205), (H.R. 8790), and the resolution (H. Res. 1469) by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 444, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 443.

**Pages H5662–69, H5669–71**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1492, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H5704**

**Clerk to Correct Engrossment:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 8790. **Page H5704**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Michel O. Maceda Memorial Act:* H.R. 5302, to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the “Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit”; **Pages H5704–05**

*Think Differently about Education Act:* H.R. 4259, amended, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to require notification with respect to individualized education program teams; **Pages H5705–07**

*Stop Campus Hazing Act:* H.R. 5646, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose hazing incidents; **Pages H5707–13**

*Bolstering Ecosystems Against Coastal Harm Act:* H.R. 5490, amended, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; **Pages H5713–19**

*Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act:* H.R. 7370, amended, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to establish a deadline for processing applications related to geothermal leasing; **Pages H5719–20**

*Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act:* H.R. 4094, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin; **Pages H5720–21**

*Lake Winnibigoshish Land Exchange Act:* H.R. 1657, amended, to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota; **Pages H5721–22**

**Mountain View Corridor Completion Act:** H.R. 2468, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah; **Pages H5722–23**

**Holcombe Rucker Park National Commemorative Site Act:** H.R. 6852, amended, to designate Holcombe Rucker Park, in Harlem, New York, as a National Commemorative Site; **Pages H5723–25**

**Continued Rapid Ohia Death Response Act:** H.R. 1726, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death; **Pages H5725–26**

**Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2024:** H.R. 7422, amended, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to provide cost-recovery authority for the Department of the Interior; **Pages H5726–27**

**Coastal Habitat Conservation Act:** H.R. 2950, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend; **Pages H5727–29**

**Electronic Permitting Modernization Act:** H.R. 5509, amended, to modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior; **Pages H5729–31**

**Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 4596, amended, to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins; **Pages H5731–33**

**Amending the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas:** H.R. 6474, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas; and **Pages H5733–34**

**Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act:** S. 612, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act. **Pages H5734–36**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Luna presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1115), a resolution providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 967) amending the

Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Members to vote by proxy in certain cases (Discharge Petition No. 17).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5669–70, H5760–71, H5671, H5672, H5672–73, and H5703–04.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE UNCOVERS BIDEN-HARRIS FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID FAILURES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “GAO Uncovers Biden-Harris FAFSA Failures”. Testimony was heard from Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Marisol Cruz Cain, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity Team, Government Accountability Office.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials: Gary Gensler, Chairman; Hester Peirce, Commissioner; Caroline Crenshaw, Commissioner; Mark Uyeda, Commissioner; and Jamie Lizárraga, Commissioner.

### AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT’S WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN BY AMERICA’S TOP DIPLOMAT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Assessment of the State Department’s Withdrawal from Afghanistan by America’s Top Diplomat”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on the Committee Report Recommending that 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; H.R. 9718, to provide for the approval of the

Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes; H. Res. 1449, condemning the global rise of anti-semitism and calling upon countries and international bodies to counter; H.R. 9172, to establish the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative to promote bilateral counterdrug interdiction efforts with the governments of specified countries, and for other purposes; H.R. 8683, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to monitor efforts by the People's Republic of China to build or buy strategic foreign ports, and for other purposes; H.R. 9564, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Houthis, and for other purposes; H.R. 9719, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to modify requirements regarding management of the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes; H. Res. 1348, urging the Government of Nigeria to immediately release Tigran Gambaryan from imprisonment; H. Res. 1435, raising concern about the proposed constitutional reforms in Mexico; and H.R. 9082, to direct the Secretary of State to host regular Summits of the Americas, and for other purposes. The Committee Report Recommending that 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, H.R. 9718, H. Res. 1449, and H.R. 9172 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 8683, H.R. 9564, H.R. 9719, H. Res. 1348, H. Res. 1435, and H.R. 9082 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **THE FUTURE OF FAMS: EVALUATING THE FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL MISSION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Future of FAMS: Evaluating the Federal Air Marshal Mission”. Testimony was heard from Tina Won Sherman, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

#### **AN OUTAGE STRIKES: ASSESSING THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF CROWDSTRIKE'S FAULTY SOFTWARE UPDATE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “An Outage Strikes: Assessing the Global Impact of CrowdStrike's Faulty Software Update”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

#### **DEFENDING AMERICA FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLITICAL WARFARE, PART III**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party's Political Warfare, Part III”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TRACKING PROGRESS: EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Tracking Progress: Examining the Department of Defense's Financial Management Practices”. Testimony was heard from Asif Khan, Director, Financial Management Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Brett A. Mansfield, Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General; and Tom Steffens, Senior Assistant to the Comptroller, Department of Defense.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF BOEING'S COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Implementation of Boeing's Comprehensive Action Plan”. Testimony was heard from Michael Whitaker, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

#### **VA ACCOUNTABILITY: WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HAMPTON**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “VA Accountability: What has Happened to Hampton”. Testimony was heard from Paul S. Crews, Director, Veterans Integrated Services Network 6, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jennifer Baptiste, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **REFORMING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF): STATES' MISUSE OF WELFARE FUNDS LEAVES POOR FAMILIES BEHIND**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on “Reforming Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): States' Misuse of Welfare Funds Leaves Poor Families Behind”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### RUSSIA'S SHADOW WAR

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia's shadow war on NATO, after receiving testimony from Erkki Tori, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Estonia; Benjamin L. Schmitt, University of Pennsylvania Department of Physics and Astronomy and Kleinman Center for Energy Policy; and Michael Weiss, Investigative Journalist and Author.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine economic risks from housing unaffordability, focusing on the costs of inaction, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine providing small business relief from remote sales tax collection, 3 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 4425, to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, H.R. 8282, to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies, the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Kristen Sarri, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador-At-Large for Global Health Security and Diplomacy, Elizabeth K. Horst, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Troy Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kelly Adams-Smith, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Jennifer D. Gavito, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the State of Libya, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Joshua M. Harris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Peter W. Lord, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Amba-

sador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, 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, Mary E. Daschbach, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, 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, 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, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine preparing workers for AI, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 4667, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 5105, to require a report by the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding the failed assassination attempt on the life of Donald J. Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024, S. 4900, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, S. 131, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, S. 2924, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the management of improper payments, S. 5067, to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 4898, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster, S. 3926, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 5098, to require certain agencies to develop plans for internal control in the event of an emergency or crisis, S. 5133, to establish a tracker for Senate-confirmed executive branch positions, S. 5109, to amend section 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to extend the Chief Data Officer Council's sunset and add new authorities for improving Federal agency data governance, including to enable reliable and secure adoption



of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence, S. 5093, to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, S. 5092, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and northern border strategy, S. 5099, to prescribe requirements relating to the management of the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island, New York, S. 5102, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, S. 3181, to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the “Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit”, S. 4404, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the “Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office”, S. 4803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the “First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office”, S. 4634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 154 First Avenue East in Jerome, Idaho, as the “Representative Maxine Bell Post Office”, H.R. 5799, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the “James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint”, H.R. 1823, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building”, H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the “Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building”, H.R. 6810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the “U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building”, H.R. 6983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the “Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office”, H.R. 7180, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the “Kingsland ‘Johnny Cash’ Post Office”, H.R. 7385, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the “John Mercer Langston Post Office Building”, H.R. 7417, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the “Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building”, H.R. 7606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1087 Route 47 South in Rio Grande, New Jersey, as the “Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building”, H.R. 7607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Block 1025, Lots 18 & 19, Northeast Corner of US Route 9 South and Main Street in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as the “George Henry White Post Office Building”, and H.R. 7893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 Pickens Street in Marion, Alabama,

as the “Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building”, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine FAA oversight of Boeing’s broken safety culture, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 465, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, S. 2908, to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land, and S. 4370, to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 4444, to take certain mineral interests into trust for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of Montana, S. 4633, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, S. 4643, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, S. 4705, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and S. 4998, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in the Rio San Jose Stream System in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anthony J. Brindisi, and Elizabeth C. Coombe, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Sarah Morgan Davenport, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Sharad Harshad Desai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Tiffany Rene Johnson, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Keli Marie Neary, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine sexual assault in U.S. prisons two decades after the Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9716, the “Increasing Baseline Updates Act”; H.R. 9751, the “Executive Action Cost Transparency Act”; H.R. 9714, the “CBO Oversight Act”; H.R. 9711, the “Congressional Budget Office Scheduling Reform Act”; H.R. 9686, the “HEALTH Panel Act”; and H.R. 8068, the “Stop the Baseline Bloat Act of 2024”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Workforce,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Innovative Teacher Preparation: Properly Equipping America’s Educators”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled

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*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3169, the “Port Crane Security and Inspection Act of 2023”; H.R. 3386, the “Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4406, the “DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act of 2023”; H.R. 5729, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to establish a Homeland Intelligence Experts Group, and for other purposes; H.R. 5840, the “Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act”; H.R. 7311, the “Combating International Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Partnership Act of 2024”; H.R. 7365, the “VETS Safe Travel Act”; H.R. 8119, the “PEARL Act”; H.R. 9469, the “Pipeline Security Act”; H.R. 9668, the “SHIELD Against CCP Act”; H.R. 9689, the “DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program Act”; H.R. 9722, the “CATCH Fentanyl Act”; legislation on the Tren de Aragua Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act”; legislation on the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2024”; legislation on a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to abolish the reorganization authority of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; legislation on the Cyber PIVOTT Act; legislation on the Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act; legislation on the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative Act; legislation on the DHS International Cyber Partner Act of 2024; legislation on the Research Security and Accountability in DHS Act; and legislation on the Northern Border Coordination Act, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7137, the “Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2024”; H.R. 9563, the “Protecting Americans from Russian Litigation Act of 2024”; H.R. 9151, the “Protecting American Industry

and Labor from International Trade Crimes Act of 2024”; and H.R. 9732, the “Protection of Child Victims from Online Predators Act”, 3:15 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Kitchen Table Economics: How Failed Biden-Harris Policies Continue to Hurt Consumers”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “The Border Crisis: The Cost of Chaos”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 9671, the “Department of Energy Artificial Intelligence Act of 2024”; H.R. 9710, the “Small Modular Reactor Demonstration Act of 2024”; H.R. 9720, the “AI Incident Reporting and Security Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 9723, the “National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2024”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Avenues to Success: Examining Workforce Training Programs for Employees”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7671, the “Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act”; and H.R. 9750, the “Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act of 2024”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Examining the Role and Effectiveness of Building Codes in Mitigating Against Disasters”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Always Ready: A Day in The Life of a U.S. Coast Guard Sentinel”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Everyday Heroes: Supporting the Veteran Caregiver Community”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Byron B. Conway, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Senator Paul will be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res 41, resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034, at approximately 12 noon. Following disposition of the Senator Paul motion, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Byron B. Conway. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 3:45 p.m.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Wednesday's session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 3334—STOP CCP Act. Consideration of H.R. 8205—Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act. Consideration of H. Res. 1469—Ensuring accountability for key officials in the Biden-Harris administration responsible for decision making and execution failures throughout the withdrawal from Afghanistan. Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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