

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5293–5302, and S. Res. 891–892. **Page S6526**

Measures Reported:

S. 3635, to improve the President’s Cup Cybersecurity Competitions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–234)

S. 4042, to amend title 44, United States Code, to reform the management of Federal records, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–235)

S. 4181, to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–236)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–237)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–238)

H.R. 6174, to improve the biodetection functions of the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 118–239)

S. 3022, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–240)

S. 3406, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and

Aamodt Settlement Pueblos’ Fund. (S. Rept. No. 118–241) **Page S6526**

Measures Passed:

Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6531**

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 892, designating the week beginning on October 13, 2024, as “National Wildlife Refuge Week”. **Pages S6531–32**

Kidd Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S6502**

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 Cathy Fung, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S6502**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6502**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6502**

Hawley Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jonathan E. Hawley, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 12:30 p.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 2:30 p.m. **Page S6532**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), April M. Perry, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

34 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

15 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—256) Page S6503

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6532.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 10111–10116; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 218; and H. Res. 1569, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5956–57

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1449, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–730);

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Victoria Spartz (H. Rept. 118–731); and

H. Res. 1568, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8932) to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7409) to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8446) to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–732).

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H5918

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of November 5, 2024, regarding H.R. 82 be vacated. Page H5919

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. Page H5919

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

Social Security Fairness Act: H.R. 82, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 327 yeas to 75 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 456;

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Federal Acquisition Security Council Improvement Act of 2024: H.R. 9597, amended, to amend title 41, United States Code, to make changes with respect to the Federal Acquisition Security Council;

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Value Over Cost Act: H.R. 9596, to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program;

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Eliminate Useless Reports Act: H.R. 5301, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to

require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications; **Pages H5943–44**

GAO Inspector General Parity Act: S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office; **Pages H5949–50**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the “Dessie A. Bebout Post Office”: S. 2274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the “Dessie A. Bebout Post Office” **Page H5950**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the “First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building”: S. 3267, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the “First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building”; **Pages H5950–51**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the “John Charles Traub Post Office”: S. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the “John Charles Traub Post Office”; and **Page H5951**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the “Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building”: S. 2143, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the “Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building”. **Pages H5951–52**

Oath of Office—Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas and Eighth Congressional District of Wisconsin: Representative-elect Erica Lee Carter presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from Ms. Christina Adkins, Director of Elections, with the Texas Office of the Secretary of State indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special General Election held on November 5, 2024, the Honorable Erica Lee Carter was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas. Representative-elect Tom Wied presented himself in the well

of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from Ms. Meagan Wolfe, Administrator, with the Wisconsin Elections Commission indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special General Election held on November 5, 2024, the Honorable Tony Wied was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighth Congressional District of Wisconsin. **Page H5954**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Texas, and the gentleman from Wisconsin, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H5947**

Failed Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act: H.R. 5342, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to replace the windfall elimination provision with a formula equalizing benefits for certain individuals with noncovered employment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 175 yeas to 225 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 457; and **Pages H5920–25, H5947–48**

Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act: H.R. 9495, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to postpone tax deadlines and reimburse paid late fees for United States nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 256 yeas to 145 nays, Roll No. 458. **Pages H5931–37, H5948**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5944–45, H5947–48 and 5948.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HARNESSING ENERGY AT THERMAL SOURCES ACT; CRITICAL MINERAL CONSISTENCY ACT OF 2024; FAFSA DEADLINE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7409, the “Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act”; H.R. 8446, the “Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024”; and H.R. 8932, the “FAFSA Deadline Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7–2, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8932, the “FAFSA Deadline Act”, H.R. 7409, the “Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act”, and H.R. 8446, the “Critical Mineral Consistency

Act of 2024". The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8932, the "FAFSA Deadline Act", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 7409, the "Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 8446, the "Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, Chairman Foxx, and Representatives Scott of Virginia and Huffman.

Joint Meetings

MOLDOVA'S EUROPEAN FUTURE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Moldova's European future from Stephen Nix, International Republican Institute; Donald N. Jensen, United States Institute of Peace; and Stephen Blank, Foreign Policy Research Institute.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D930)

H.R. 9747, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2025. Signed on September 26, 2024. (Public Law 118-83)

S. 265, to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program. Signed on September 26, 2024. (Public Law 118-84)

S. 1648, to facilitate access to the electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries. Signed on September 26, 2024. (Public Law 118-85)

S. 4351, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain poison control programs. Signed on September 26, 2024. (Public Law 118-86)

S. 2825, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam. Signed on September 26, 2024. (Public Law 118-87)

S. 2861, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Billie Jean King, an American icon, in recognition of a remarkable life devoted to championing equal rights for all, in sports and in society. Signed on September 26, 2024. (Public Law 118-88)

H.R. 7032, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies. Signed on September 30, 2024. (Public Law 118-89)

S. 3764, to extend and authorize annual appropriations for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom through fiscal year 2026. Signed on September 30, 2024. (Public Law 118-90)

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. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118-91)

S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer's Project. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118-92)

S. 134, to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118-93)

S. 612, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118-94)

S. 656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans educational assistance. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–95)

S. 670, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–96)

S. 679, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–97)

S. 794, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–98)

S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–99)

S. 3639, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2075 West Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the “Robert Hayden Post Office”. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–100)

S. 3640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 155 South Main Street in Mount Clemens, Michigan, as the “Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson Post Office”. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–101)

S. 3851, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the “Sojourner Truth Post Office”. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–102)

S. 4698, to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security. Signed on October 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–103)

S. 1549, to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies. Signed on October 2, 2024. (Public Law 118–104)

S. 2228, to amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 to clarify the scope of a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to certain projects relating to the production of semiconductors. Signed on October 2, 2024. (Public Law 118–105)

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. Signed on October 4, 2024. (Public Law 118–106)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the gun violence epidemic, focusing on bump stocks and other conversion devices, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office, 2:30 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 Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation; and Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth”, 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Our Nation’s Hallowed Grounds: Review of America’s National Cemetery Funeral Operation for Veterans and Servicemembers”, 11:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 13 through November 15,
2024

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jonathan E. Hawley, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12:30 p.m.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jonathan E. Hawley, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:30 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

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 Finance: November 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Samuel Johnson, of

Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 14, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, Val Butler Demings, of Florida, William Zollars, of Kansas, and Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James Graham Lake, and Nicholas George Miranda, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 11 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 13, to hold hearings to examine the gun violence epidemic, focusing on bump stocks and other conversion devices, 10 a.m., SD–226.

November 13, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

November 14, 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, 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, Keli Marie Neary, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Miranda L. Holloway-Baggett, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama, and Bobby Jack Woods, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 13, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, November 14, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Lessons Learned and The Path Forward”, 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 14, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Snowed In: United States Disinvestment in the Arctic”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, November 13

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jonathan E. Hawley until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 13

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H. Res. 1568—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8932) to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7409) to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8446) to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral.

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