

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity for September 2024.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6539–S6567

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5303–5314, and S. Res. 893. **Page S6563**

Measures Reported:

S. 3626, to clarify task and delivery order solicitation and contract requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–242)

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. (S. Rept. No. 118–243)

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”.

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Measures Passed:

Colonel Ola Lee Mize Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Senate passed H.R. 5464, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Guntersville, Alabama, as the “Colonel Ola Lee Mize Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. **Page S6566**

Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7333, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the “Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6566–67**

James Mountain Inhofe VA Medical Center: Senate passed S. 5314, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the James Mountain Inhofe VA Medical Center. **Page S6567**

BRIDGE for Workers Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5861, to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6567**

Servicemembers’ Credit Monitoring Enhancement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1316, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to expand the definition of an active duty military consumer for purposes of certain credit monitoring requirements, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6567**

Schumer (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3302, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6567**

Appointments:

United States Semiquincentennial Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–196, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Tonio Burgos of New York. **Page S6567**

National Council on Disability: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 93–112, as amended by Public Law 112–166, and further amended by Public Law 113–128, the appointment of the following to serve as a member of the National Council on Disability: Kim Hill of New York. **Page S6567**

Huitema Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics. **Pages S6541–42**

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6542**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S6543**

Fung Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cathy Fung, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Pages S6543–46**

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

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 260), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6546**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 14, 2024; that the post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics; that immediately following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Huitema, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; and that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Embry J. Kidd ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Page S6567**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), Jonathan E. Hawley, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Pages S6539–41, S6542**

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6541**

Messages from the House: **Page S6562**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S6566**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6566**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—260) **Pages S6541–42, S6546**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6567.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the gun violence epidemic, focusing on bump stocks and other conversion devices, after receiving testimony from Jens Ludwig, University of Chicago Crime Lab, and Laura O'Donnell, both of Chicago, Illinois; Esther Sanchez-Gomez, GIFFORDS Law Center To Prevent Gun Violence, New York, New York; Ryan M. Cleckner, FFLSafe, Flagstaff, Arizona; and Zack Smith, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office, after receiving testimony from Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office.

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: 3 public bills, H.R. 10117–10119; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 219–220, were introduced. **Page H5975**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5976**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lopez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5959**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H5961**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:39 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H5965**

FAFSA Deadline Act, Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act, and Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to 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, by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 460, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 459. **Pages H5965–67**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Schiff wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H5968**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5965–67.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UNIDENTIFIED ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA: EXPOSING THE TRUTH

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation; and Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Un-

identified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OUR NATION’S HALLOWED GROUNDS: REVIEW OF AMERICA’S NATIONAL CEMETERY FUNERAL OPERATION FOR VETERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Our Nation’s Hallowed Grounds: Review of America’s National Cemetery Funeral Operation for Veterans and Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from Major General Trevor J. Bredenkamp, Commanding General, Joint Task Force—National Capital Region, U.S. Army Military District of Washington; Ronald E. Walters, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Shawn P. Buck, Director, State Veterans Cemetery, New Hampshire; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: 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: 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: 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.

House

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

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through September 30, 2024

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	134	127	..
Time in session	643 hrs., 10'	497 hrs., 39'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,471	5,840	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	989	..
Public bills enacted into law	26	30	56
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	352	498	850
Senate bills	83	42	..
House bills	35	363	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	1	..
House joint resolutions	2	4	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	8	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	11	14	..
Simple resolutions	210	68	..
Measures reported, total	*198	361	559
Senate bills	156	1	..
House bills	37	321	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	10	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	4	27	..
Special reports	8	7	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	411	129	..
Measures introduced, total	2,189	3,711	5,900
Bills	1,734	2,978	..
Joint resolutions	63	104	..
Concurrent resolutions	19	50	..
Simple resolutions	373	579	..
Quorum calls	5	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	255	270	..
Recorded votes .....	..	184	..
Bills vetoed	1	2	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through September 30, 2024

Civilian nominees, totaling 366 (including 95 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	141
Unconfirmed	220
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,625 (including 745 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	800
Unconfirmed	745
Withdrawn	80
Air Force nominees, totaling 5,786 (including 111 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,186
Unconfirmed	600
Army nominees, totaling 6,342 (including 1,906 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,326
Unconfirmed	16
Navy nominees, totaling 5,218 (including 7 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,212
Unconfirmed	6
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 726 (including 6 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	722
Unconfirmed	4
Space Force nominees, totaling 439 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	438
Unconfirmed	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	2,872
Total nominees received this Session	17,630
Total confirmed	18,825
Total unconfirmed	1,592
Total withdrawn	85
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 85 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 368 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, November 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Cathy Fung, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen year, post-cloture, with a vote on confirmation thereon at approximately 11:30 a.m. Following disposition of the nomination of Cathy Fung, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

Following which, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 14

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 8446—Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024. Consideration of H.R. 7409—HEATS Act. Consideration of H.R. 8932—FAFSA Deadline Act.

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