

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: USDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Lisa Marie Franchetti, 33rd Chief of Naval Operations, and General Eric Smith, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Secretary of the Air Force, General David W. Allvin, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and General B. Chance Saltzman, USSF, Chief of Space Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

PRESERVING THE U.S. HOUSING STOCK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine challenges in preserving the U.S. housing stock, including S.2790, to reform rural housing programs, S.1557, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, S.3871, to establish a whole-home repairs program for eligible homeowners and eligible landlords, S.234, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, S.3793, to reauthorize the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, S.1805, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand housing investment with mortgage revenue bonds, and S.657, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for neighborhood revitalization, after receiving testimony from Jesse Ergott, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton; Robin Wolff, Enterprise Community Partners, Washington, D.C.; and Christopher Volzke, Wyoming Community Development Authority, Casper.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of Energy.

IRS FY 2025 BUDGET AND 2024 FILING SEASON

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Internal Revenue Service and the Internal Revenue Service 2024 filing season, after receiving testimony from Daniel Werfel, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3854, to combat transnational repression abroad, to strengthen tools to combat authoritarianism, corruption, and kleptocracy, to invest in democracy research and development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3235, to require a strategy to counter the role of the People's Republic of China in evasion of sanctions imposed by the United States with respect to Iran, with amendments;

S. 1651, to encourage increased trade and investment between the United States and the countries in the Western Balkans, with amendments;

S. 138, to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1829, to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, with amendments;

S. 3874, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations in Gaza and the West Bank, with amendments;

S. 2626, to impose sanctions with respect to the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and

their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism, with amendments;

S. 2336, to address the threat from the development of Iran's ballistic missile program and the transfer or deployment of Iranian missiles and related goods and technology, including materials and equipment, with amendments;

S. Res. 505, condemning the use of sexual violence and rape as a weapon of war by the terrorist group Hamas against the people of Israel;

S. 618, to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1881, to reauthorize and amend the Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act of 2018 and the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 357, recognizing the formation of the Alliance for Development in Democracy and urging the United States to pursue deeper ties with its member countries;

S. Con. Res. 18, calling for the immediate release of Marc Fogel, a United States citizen and teacher, who was given an unjust and disproportionate criminal sentence by the Government of the Russian Federation in June 2022, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 385, calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023; and

The nominations of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Stephan A. Lang, of Virginia, to be U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, with the rank of Ambassador, Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Courtney Diesel O'Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Amba-

sador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Dafna Hochman Rand, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Laura Stone, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Lisa Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Donna Ann Welton, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, all of the Department of State, Andrew William Plitt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

USPS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, Roman Martinez IV, Chairman, Board of Governors, and Tammy Hull, Inspector General, all of the United States Postal Service; and Michael Kubayanda, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating the abuse of solitary confinement, focusing on a legacy of harm, after receiving testimony from Gretta L. Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Roy Boyd, Goliad County Sheriff, Goliad, Texas; Nicole Davis, Talk2MeFoundation, Chicago, Illinois; and Katherine R. Peeler, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

AI AND ELECTION DEEPPAKES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded an oversight hearing to examine AI, focusing on election deepfakes, after receiving testimony from David

Scanlan, New Hampshire Secretary of State, Concord; Zohaib Ahmed, Resemble AI, Santa Clara, California; Ben Colman, Reality Defender, New York, New York; and Rijul Gupta, Deep Media, Inc., Oakland, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term care workforce, focusing on addressing shortages and improving the profession, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Smith, SPIN, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Brooke Vogleman, TLC Management, Huntington, Indiana; Matthew Connell, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Indianapolis; and Jasmine L. Travers, New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 8014–8032; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 104; and H. Res. 1150–1152, were introduced. **Pages H2443–44**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2445**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1149, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6323) to modify the availability of certain waiver authorities with respect to sanctions imposed with respect to the financial sector of Iran, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1143) condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4691) to provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5947) to provide for the rescission of certain waivers and licenses relating to Iran, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6046) to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4639) to amend section 2702 of title 18, United States Code, to prevent law enforcement and intelligence agencies from obtaining subscriber or customer records in exchange for anything of value, to address communications and records in the possession of intermediary internet service providers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–464).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2401**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2405**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H2405**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H2413**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, April 15:

Holding Iranian Leaders Accountable Act of 2023: H.R. 6245, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on financial institutions' involvement with officials of the Iranian Government, and for other purposes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 126; and

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Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023: H.R. 6015, amended, To require the President to prevent the abuse of financial sanctions exemptions by Iran, and for other purposes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 127. **Page H2416**

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

Strengthening Tools to Counter the Use of Human Shields Act: H.R. 5917, amended, to amend the Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act to modify and extend that Act, and for other purposes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 128;

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Illicit Captagon Trafficking Suppression Act of 2023: