

Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were agreed to. H.R. 1605 was not agreed to.

### EXAMINING VA'S CHALLENGES WITH ENSURING QUALITY CONTRACTED DISABILITY COMPENSATION EXAMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining VA's Challenges with Ensuring Quality Contracted Disability Compensation Examinations". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey London, Executive Director, Medical Disability Examination Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 9496, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include a representative of the National Association of State Veterans Homes on the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 9324, the "Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2024"; H.R. 9478, the "Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act"; H.R. 9525, the "Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act"; H.R. 7504, the "Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act"; H.R. 9301, the "New Mexico Rural Veteran Health Care Access Act"; H.R. 9485, the "Enhancing Faith-Based Support for Veterans Act of 2024"; H.R. 9438, the "No Wrong Door for Veterans Act"; H.R. 9146, the "Ensuring Continuity in Veterans Health Act"; and H.R. 8562, the "Parity for Native Hawaiian Veterans Act". H.R. 9496, H.R. 9324, H.R. 9478, H.R. 9525, H.R. 7504, H.R. 9301, H.R. 9485, H.R. 9146, and H.R. 8562 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 9438 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

### DIAL 988+1: EXAMINING THE OPERATIONS OF THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Dial 988+1: Examining the Operations of the Veterans Crisis Line". Testimony was heard from Matthew Miller, Executive Director, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Kroviak, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### INVESTING IN A HEALTHIER AMERICA: CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Investing in a Healthier America: Chronic Disease Prevention and Treatment". Testimony was heard from former Senator Bill Frist and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### RUSSIA'S IMPERIAL IDENTITY

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia's imperial identity, after receiving testimony from Botakoz Kassymbekova, University of Basel; Philip Obaji Jr., The Daily Beast; Timothy Snyder, Yale University; and Maria Vyushkova, Buryat activist and scientist.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard drug interdiction and enforcement in the maritime environment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine fusion energy technology development and commercialization efforts, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John W. McIntyre, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Jeremy Neitzke, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Abigail L. Dressel, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, 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, and Kali C. Jones, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider an original resolution directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, an original resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate regarding the refusal of Dr. Ralph

de la Torre to appear and testify before the Committee, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*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, Byron B. Conway, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Jonathan E. Hawley, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, April M. Perry, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Gail A. Weilheimer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Joseph R. Adams, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, David L. Lemmon II, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Bobby Jack Woods, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine how scammers are stealing from older adults, focusing on fighting fraud, 10 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Oversight of Extremism Policies in the Army”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Cost of the Biden-Harris Energy Crisis”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “Holding the Biden-Harris EPA Accountable for Radical Rush-to-Green Spending”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission Practices: A Discussion on Past Versus Present”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Israel and the Middle East at a Crossroads: How Tehran’s Terror Campaign Threatens the U.S. and our Allies”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled “Money is Policy, Part II: Analyzing Select State Department Grant Awards”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, 2024, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence; and

Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, joint hearing entitled “Beyond the Border: Terrorism and Homeland Security Consequences of Illegal Immigration”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on Ratification of Subcommittee Assignments; H.J. Res. 144, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, relating to “Definition of ‘Engaged in the Business’ as a Dealer in Firearms”; H.R. 115, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2023”; H.R. 358, the “Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act”; H.R. 8205, the “Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act”; H.R. 8666, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello; H.R. 7177, to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama; and H.R. 9605, the “No Censors on our Shores Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3283, the “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 4235, the “Wildfire Technology DEMO Act”; H.R. 5103, the “FISHES Act”; H.R. 6012, the “Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act of 2023”; H.R. 6085, to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming; H.R. 6107, the “Urban Canal Modernization Act”; H.R. 6547, the “Colorado Energy Prosperity Act”; H.R. 6826, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center; H.R. 6843, to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; H.R. 7332, the “Utah State Parks Adjustment Act”; H.R. 8219, the “Lahaina National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 8413, the “Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act”; H.R. 8704, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to foster enhanced coexistence between ocean users and North Atlantic right whales and other large cetacean species; H.R. 8811, the “America’s Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 9533, the “ESA Amendments Act of 2024”; and S. 612, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Legacy of Incompetence: Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Policy Failures”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes for the 119th Congress”, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Navigating the Blue Frontier: Evaluating the Potential of Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Approaches”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “VA’s Open Cash Register: Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Revenue Operations”, 9 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “How the CCP Uses the Law to Silence Critics and Enforce its Rule”, 9:15 a.m., HVC–210.