

Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 96), Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 95), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 97), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—98)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2478–79.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, AND EXECUTION REFORM COMMISSION REPORT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the final report of the Planning,

Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform Commission, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Chair, Ellen M. Lord, Vice Chair, and Lara C. Sayer, Executive Director, all of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform.

### DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYSTEM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine an update on the state of the Department of Defense acquisition system, after receiving testimony from Peter K. Levine, Institute for Defense Analyses; Moshe Schwartz, National Defense Industrial Association; and William C. Greenwalt, American Enterprise Institute.

### CLIMATE COSTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nature of climate costs, after receiving testimony from Theresa McKenney, NEMO Equipment, Inc., Dover, New Hampshire; Joao Gomes, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Scott Walter, Capital Research Center, Washington, D.C.; Hilary Hutcheson, Columbia Falls, Montana; and Gus Schumacher, Anchorage, Alaska.

### U.S. ATHLETICS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine promoting a safe environment in United States athletics, after receiving testimony from Ju'Riese Colon, U.S. Center for SafeSport, Denver, Colorado; Dionne Koller, Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics and Paralympics, Baltimore, Maryland; Grace French, The Army of Survivors, Lansing, Michigan; and Pat Kelleher, USA Hockey, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### PFAS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine PFAS as hazardous substances, after receiving testimony from Kate R. Bowers, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; James C. Kenney, New Mexico Environment Department Cabinet Secretary, Santa Fe; Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group, Washington, D.C.; Michael Witt, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, Newark, New Jersey; and Robert D. Fox, Solid Waste Association of North America, and the National Waste Recycling Association, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

**SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Social Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Martin O'Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Robert William Forden, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Erik John Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, all of the Department of State.

**REFORMING FEDERAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming Federal records management to improve transparency and accountability, after receiving testimony from Anne L. Weismann, George Washington University Law School, Bethesda, Maryland; and Gary Ruskin, U.S. Right to Know, Oakland, California.

**FENTANYL**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine strengthening international cooperation to stop the flow of fentanyl into the United States, after receiving testimony from Vanda Felbab-Brown, The Brookings Institution, Celina B. Realuyo, National Defense University William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, and Christopher J. Urben, Nardello and Co., all of Washington, D.C.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE RESOURCES IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee received a briefing on public safety and justice resources in Native communities from public witnesses.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Georgia N. Alexakis, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Krissa M. Lanham, and Angela M. Martinez, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, who were introduced by Senator Sinema, and Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine post *Dobbs* America and reproductive freedoms, after receiving testimony from Representative Fischbach; Senator Duckworth; O. Carter Snead, and Monique C. Wubbenhorst, both of the University of Notre Dame de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, Indiana; Lourdes A. Rivera, Pregnancy Justice, New York, New York; Jamie Heard, Birmingham, Alabama; and Austin Dennard, Dallas, Texas.

**SBA BUDGET**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Small Business Administration, including S. 673, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, and S. 3971, to amend the Small Business Act to require reporting on additional information with respect to small business concerns owned and controlled by women, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, and small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, after receiving testimony from Isabella Guzman, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine keeping our promise to older adults and people with disabilities, focusing on the status of Social Security today, after receiving testimony from Martin O'Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.