

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Furnaces” is discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, it be in order for Senator Cruz, or his designee, to move to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution; that if the motion is agreed to, there be ten hours of debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the joint resolution; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, remain in effect except the 60 session day clock. **Page S3739**

Securities and Exchange Commission Rule, and Theeler and Aframe Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding 5 USC 802, that upon conclusion of morning business on Thursday, May 16, 2024, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 109, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”, which was received from the House of Representatives and is at the desk; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, with all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United State Code, remaining in effect except the 60 session day clock; that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate execute the order of Tuesday, May 7, 2024, with respect to the nomination of Camela C. Theeler, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Camela C. Theeler, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Page S3739**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), 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. **Pages S3691–96, S3740**

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 166), Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S3697, S3739**

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3696**

By 61 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 167), Eric C. Schulte, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota. **Pages S3697–98**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—168) **Pages S3696–98, S3705**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine select Department of Defense acquisition programs, after receiving testimony from William A. LaPlante, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Army Acquisition Executive, Nickolas H. Guertin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Andrew P. Hunter, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: USACE AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense;

and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

STRENGTHENING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine strengthening American competitiveness, focusing on the roles of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, Export-Import Bank, and Millennium Challenge Corporation, after receiving testimony from Scott A. Nathan, Chief Executive Officer, International Development Finance Corporation; Reta Jo Lewis, President and Chair, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and Alice Albright, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: LOC AND AOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress; and Joseph R. DiPietro, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

ARMY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Army Acquisition Executive, General James E. Rainey, USA, Commanding General, Army Futures Command, and Lieutenant General Karl H. Gingrich, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8, all of the Department of Defense.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and the costs to national security, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, USN (Ret.), former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, Lexington Park, Maryland; Rear

Admiral Tim Gallaudet, USN (Ret.), Ocean STL Consulting, former Acting Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, North Beach, Maryland; Erin Sikorsky, Center for Climate and Security, and International Military Council on Climate and Security, and Mackenzie Eaglen, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rick Dwyer, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Chesapeake, Virginia.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET AND LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the National Park Service, including S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, S. 3251, to modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, S. 3568/H.R. 3448, bills to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, S. 4216, to establish the

Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boqueron in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and H.R. 2717, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, and H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, after receiving testimony from Senators Van Hollen, Lankford, and Ossoff; and Michael A. Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ARMS CONTROL AND DETERRENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of arms control and deterrence, after receiving testimony from Bonnie D. Jenkins, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4066, to improve Federal technology procurement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3810, to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China

and the United States Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2492, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve coordination between the Do Not Pay working system and Federal and State agencies authorized to use the system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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;

H.R. 6249, to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters;

S. 4305, to improve the effectiveness of body armor issued to female agents and officers of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4035, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 5528, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security.

GAO REPORT ON OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE FRAGMENTATION, OVERLAP, AND DUPLICATION AND ACHIEVE FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of GAO's 2024 Report on Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Financial Benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2770, to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3875, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency for the

use of content that is substantially generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image, audio, or video footage in the advertisements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3897, to require the Election Assistance Commission to develop voluntary guidelines for the administration of elections that address the use and risks of artificial intelligence technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FRONTIER HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine frontier health care, focusing on ensuring veterans' access no matter where they live, after receiving testimony from Peter Kaboli, Office of Rural Health, Ryan Heiman, Deputy Executive Director, Member Services, Leonie Heyworth, Deputy Director, Telehealth Services, Office of Con-

nected Care, and Wade Vlosich, Health Care System Director, VA Oklahoma City Health Care System, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alyssa M. Hundrup, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Chauncey L. Parker, Great Plains Veterans Services Center, Box Elder, Montana; and Jon Retzer, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

2024 ELECTIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on foreign threats to the 2024 elections, after receiving testimony from Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Jen Easterly, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Larissa L. Knapp, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 8401–8417; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 140–143; and H. Res. 1228–1231, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1227, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8369) to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7530) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Horne Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8146) to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border

crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 354) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1213) a resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1210) condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result (H. Rept. 118–511).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Self to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act of 2024: The House passed H.R. 7530, to limit youth offender status in the District