

motion to discharge is not agreed to, Senate vote on Braun Amendment No. 1182 to the bill; that upon disposition of the Braun Amendment, Senate move to the consideration of S.J. Res. 42, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to “Application of *Bostock v. Clayton County* to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing—Policy Update”; that there be up to 30 minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution. **Page S5195**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—269) **Pages S5163, S5164, S5168, S5169, S5177**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5195.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment:* Senators Menendez (Chair), Reed, Tester, Warner, Warren, Warnock, Butler, Rounds, Crapo, Tillis, Kennedy, Hagerty, and Vance.

*Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance:* Senators Warner (Chair), Tester,

Van Hollen, Cortez Masto, Butler, Hagerty, Britt, Cramer, and Daines.

*Subcommittee on Economic Policy:* Senators Warren (Chair), Reed, Menendez, Van Hollen, Smith, Fetterman, Kennedy, Rounds, Tillis, Lummis, and Daines.

*Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development:* Senators Smith (Chair), Reed, Menendez, Tester, Cortez Masto, Warnock, Fetterman, Butler, Lummis, Crapo, Rounds, Kennedy, Hagerty, Vance, and Britt.

*Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection:* Senators Warnock (Chair), Warner, Warren, Van Hollen, Cortez Masto, Smith, Fetterman, Tillis, Crapo, Lummis, Vance, Britt, and Cramer.

*Senators Brown and Scott (SC) are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUPPLY CHAINS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how climate change threatens supply chains, after receiving testimony from Scott Kelly, Resilience, Cambridge, United Kingdom; Adam Rose, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Kathy Fulton, American Logistics Aid Network, Auburndale, Florida; David Barker, Barker Companies, Iowa City, Iowa; and Robert McNally, Rapidan Energy Group, Washington, D.C.

### PENDING LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 175, to codify certain public land orders relating to the revocation of certain withdrawals of public land in the State of Alaska, S. 297, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize certain construction activities on public lands, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1719, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fire-shed management areas, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in

trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 2855, to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, S. 3044, to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the “Mount Blue Sky Wilderness”, S. 3045, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 3046, to make permanent the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity National Forest marina fees, H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029, S. 3062, to provide for the removal of small-diameter trees in fire hazard areas, and S. 3079, to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, after receiving testimony from Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mark Boshell, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, Salt Lake City.

#### PAID LEAVE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine paid leave, focusing on policy, practice, and impact on the workforce, after receiving testimony from Ben Verhoeven, Peoria Gardens, Inc., Albany, Oregon; and Jocelyn Frye, National Partnership for Women and Families, Rachel U. Greszler, The Heritage Foundation Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, and Elizabeth Milito, National Federation of Independent Business, all of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, and Herro Mustafa Garg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, all of the Department of State, Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United

States Agency for International Development, David E. White, Jr., of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

#### BLACK SEA REGION SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine the Department of State’s strategy for security in the Black Sea region, after receiving testimony from James C. O’Brien, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3029, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase death gratuities and funeral allowances for Federal employees, with an amendment;

S. 2150, to establish an Interagency Council on Service to promote and strengthen opportunities for military service, national service, and public service for all people of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2087, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2414, to require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1258, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule;

S. 3071, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects, with amendments; and

S. 3067, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct an evaluation and submit to Congress a report on ways to reduce the complexity of the cost effectiveness requirements for hazard mitigation assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, and Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

**BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW AND THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act in native communities, after receiving testimony from Jarred-Michael Erickson, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington; Jacob Keyes, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Perkins; Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; Sherry Parker, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona; Shawn Malia Kana'iaupuni, Partners in Development Foundation, Honolulu, Hawaii; Jasmine Boyle, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., Anchorage; and Susan Masten, Native American Finance Officers Association, Washington, D.C.

**UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, after receiving testimony from Joseph Salazar, Office Director, Office of Central American Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Robin Dunn Marcos, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, De-

partment of Health and Human Services; Seema Nanda, Solicitor of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor; and Cardell T. Morant, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Center for Countering Human Trafficking, Department of Homeland Security.

**FOSTER CHILDREN**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the human rights of foster children, after receiving testimony from Melissa D. Carter, Emory Law School, Decatur, Georgia; Emma M. Hetherington, University of Georgia School of Law Wilbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation Clinic, Athens; Rachel Aldridge, Wray, Georgia; and Mon'a Houston, Savannah, Georgia.

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine VA accountability and transparency, focusing on quality care and benefits for veterans, after receiving testimony from Tracey Therit, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, David Perry, Chief Officer, Workforce Management and Consulting, Veterans Health Administration, Aaron Robison, Senior Attorney-Advisor, Accountability, Office of General Counsel, and Ted Radway, Executive Director, Investigations, and Acting Executive Director, Compliance and Oversight, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 6040–6066; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 810–814, were introduced. **Pages H5103–05**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5107–08**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3369, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to

conduct a study and hold public meetings with respect to artificial intelligence systems, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–244);

H.R. 3309, to amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to establish a uniform fee schedule applicable to the processing of forms for the consideration of applications for the placement of communications facilities on certain buildings and