

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 9468, Veterans Benefits Continuity and Accountability Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6191–S6322

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5103–5133, S.J. Res. 110, and S. Res. 830–835.

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Measures Reported:

S. 4716, to amend section 7504 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the single audit requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–226)

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Measures Passed:

Veterans Benefits Continuity and Accountability Supplemental Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 9468, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 247), Paul Amendment No. 3289, to rescind funds from the Department of Energy loan programs office. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Purdue University Engineering 150th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 830, recognizing the 150th anniversary of Purdue University Engineering.

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Purple Martin Conservation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 803, recognizing the importance of purple martins to United States ecosystems, tourism, and history by designating August 10, 2024, as “Purple Martin Conservation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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End Tuberculosis Now Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 288, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murray (for Cardin) Amendment No. 3291, in the nature of a substitute.

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DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 4698, to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 3292, in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs.

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Prior to the consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Ensuring Nationwide Access to a Better Life Experience Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent

agreement was reached providing that if Senate receives H.R. 9614, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent, from the House of Representatives, the text of which is identical to S. 4539, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent, Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and the bill be passed. **Pages S6319**

Tennessee Valley Authority Salary Transparency Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4693, to provide that the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 does not apply to certain reports required to be submitted by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S6319**

Jenkins Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S6191**

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

By 76 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6204**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 23, 2024; and that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m. **Page S6204**

Sfraga Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs. **Page S6202**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S6204**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6202**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6202**

Messages from the House: **Pages S6209–10**

Measures Referred: **Page S6210**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6318**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—248) **Pages S6199, S6204**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:53 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6322.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COAST GUARD DRUG INTERDICTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded a hearing to examine Coast Guard drug interdiction and enforcement in the maritime environment, including actions needed to address persistent challenges hindering efforts to counter illicit maritime drug smuggling, after receiving testimony from Admiral Kevin E. Lunday, Vice Commandant, Rear Admiral Jo-Ann Burdian, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South, and Rear Admiral Bob Little, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West, all of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

FUSION ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fusion energy technology development and commercialization efforts, after receiving testimony from Jean Paul Allain, Associate Director for Fusion Energy Sciences, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Jackie Siebens, Helion Energy, Everett, Washington; and Patrick White, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Brewster, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John W. McIntyre, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Jeremy Neitzke, of Illinois, to be