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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—313)	Page S5527, S5528, S5529, S5530

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:43 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 2023, until 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5558.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INDUSTRIAL DECARBONIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities in industrial decarbonization, focusing on delivering benefits for the economy and the climate, after receiving testimony from Leah Ellis, Sublime Systems, Somerville, Massachusetts; and Abigail Regitsky, Breakthrough Energy, and Shannon Angielski, Clean Hydrogen Future Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States leadership on artificial intelligence in an era of strategic competition, after receiving testimony from Nathaniel Fick, Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, and Matthew Graviss, Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1898, to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2088, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sara E. Hill, and John David Russell, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, who were introduced by Senator Lankford, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, who was introduced by Representative Sablan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veteran entrepreneurship, focusing on from service to small business success, including S. 38, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, S. 2184, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Women's Business Center Program, and S. 1469, to require certification of small business concerns as small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans in order to be counted toward goals for contract awards, after receiving testimony from Colonel Timothy Green, USAF (Ret.), Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration; J. Michael Haynie, Syracuse University D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse, New York; Lisa Shimkat, America's SBDC Iowa, Ames; Major Chris Guerrette, USAF (Ret.), Lickee's and Chewy's Candies and Creamery, Dover, New Hampshire; and Dustin Rhoades, Ability Tech, Sioux City, Iowa.

VA'S FOURTH MISSION: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the VA's Fourth Mission, focusing on supporting our nation's emergency preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Bobby Small, Jr., Acting Executive Director for Emergency Management and Resilience, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, and Michelle Dorsey,

Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health Operations, and Derrick Jaastad, Executive Director, Office of Emergency Management, both of the Veteran Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and John M. Balbus, Office of Climate Change and Health Equity Director, Department of Health and Human Services.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6416–6442; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 871–873, introduced. **Pages H5891–93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5894–95**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative De La Cruz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5859**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 871, electing a member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5861**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. **Page H5868**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 and No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) to freeze certain Iranian funds involved in the 2023 hostage deal between the United States and Iran, by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 660, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 659. **Pages H5861–68**

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024: The House considered H.R. 5894, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. **Page H5869**

Agreed to:

Hern amendment (No. 111 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that ensures the Department of Health and

Human Services implements consumer protections passed in the surprise billing law that provides patients with an advanced cost estimate for their healthcare services (by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 666); **Page H5873**

Lawler amendment (No. 114 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that prohibits funding under this Act from going toward colleges and universities that authorize, facilitate, provide funding for, or otherwise support any event promoting anti-semitism on campus (by a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 54 noes, Roll No. 669); and **Page H5875**

Miller-Meeks amendment (No. 123 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that prohibits funding for CDC's firearm injury and mortality prevention research (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 674). **Pages H5878–79**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 78 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce funding for the National Labor Relations Board by \$100 million (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 661); **Pages H5869–70**

Biggs amendment (No. 86 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay for the salary and expenses of ORR Director Robin Dunn Marcos (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 662); **Pages H5870–71**

Crane amendment (No. 92 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce federal education funding by \$37,735,000 (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 663); **Page H5871**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 103 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was debated on November 14th that sought to reduce the salary of Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, to \$1 (by