

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5197–S5220

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3136–3160, S. Res. 433–439, and S. Con. Res. 23.

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Measures Passed:

Condemning Hamas and Antisemitic Activities on College Campuses: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 418, condemning Hamas and antisemitic student activities on college campuses in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Veterans Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, recognizing the week of October 30 through November 4, 2023, as “National Veterans Small Business Week”.

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BatWeek: Senate agreed to S. Res. 436, expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2023, to October 31, 2023, as “BatWeek”.

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Condemning Antisemitism at Institutions of Higher Education: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, condemning antisemitism at institutions of higher education in the United States and encouraging college and university leaders, administrators, and faculty to speak out against antisemitism.

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Congratulating Coco Gauff: Senate agreed to S. Res. 438, congratulating Coco Gauff for her inspiring victory at this year’s US Open Tennis Championships.

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Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 439, supporting afterschool programs and Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 26, 2023.

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Measures Failed:

Application of Bostock v. Clayton County to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing-Policy Update: By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate failed to pass 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”.

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Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 35 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 271), Braun Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit earmarks.

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Pending:

Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, in the nature of a substitute.

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Niger War Powers: By 11 yeas to 86 nays (Vote No. 270), Senate rejected the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations of S.J. Res. 44, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Niger that have not been authorized by Congress.

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Maddox Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 26, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5210**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, October 30, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, October 26, 2023 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5219**

Lew Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Department of State. **Page S5210**

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 Matthew James Maddox, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S5210**

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. McIntyre, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S5220**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—272) **Pages S5205–06, S5210**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:15 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5220.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Patricia L. Lee, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 185 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

ILLICIT FINANCE AND TERRORISM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating the networks of illicit finance and terrorism, including S. 3049, to freeze \$6,000,000,000 of Iranian funds held in Qatar, S. 2355, to clarify the applicability of sanctions and antimoney laundering compliance obligations to United States persons in the decentralized finance technology sector and virtual currency kiosk operators, S. 2281, to provide for consumer protection and responsible financial innovation, to bring crypto assets within the regulatory perimeter, and S. 2669, to require the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to issue guidance on digital asset, after receiving testimony from Matthew Levitt, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Shlomit Wagman, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL OFFSHORE ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal offshore energy strategy and policies, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Klein, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; and Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine evaluating alternative materials for single-use plastics, after receiving testimony from Marcus Eriksen, The 5 Gyres Institute, Santa Monica, California; Erin Simon, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Humberto Kravetz, GSF Upcycling, Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain.