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Senate

The Senate met at 10:11 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, Wednesday, May 31, 2023.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the morning hour be deemed expired.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Journal of proceedings be approved to date.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3746. An act to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 3746

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3746) to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

Mr. SCHUMER. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, there has been a very good vote in the House of Representatives. I hope we can move the bill quickly here in the Senate and bring it to the President's desk as soon as possible.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Thursday, June 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and morning business be closed; further, that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 45; that at 12:15 p.m., the joint resolution be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:13 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 10 a.m.

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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Days of Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and Wednesday, May 31, 2023)

Routine Proceedings, pages S1813–S1855

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1763–1785, S. Res. 227–230, and S. Con. Res. 11.

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Measures Passed:

U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 769, to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate March 9 as U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day and to designate the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag as an official symbol to recognize citizens of the United States held as hostages or wrongfully detained abroad, and the bill was then passed. Page S1824

Veterans Get Outside Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 206, designating June 10, 2023, as “Veterans Get Outside Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S1824–25

National Public Works Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 223, designating the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as “National Public Works Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S1824–25

Kids to Parks Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 226, designating May 20, 2023, as “Kids to Parks Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S1824–25

National Brain Tumor Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, designating May 2023 as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”. Pages S1824–25

Measures Considered:

Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 45, providing for congressional disapproval

under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans”. Pages S1817–24

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. Page S1817

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 1, 2023; and that at 12:15 p.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution. Page S1855

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—134) Page S1817

Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 10:11 p.m., on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Page S1853

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:10 p.m., and reconvened at 10:11 p.m., on the same day, and adjourned at 10:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1855.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERING CHINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering China, focusing on advancing U.S. national security, economic security, and foreign policy, including S. 1271, to impose sanctions with respect to trafficking of illicit fentanyl and its precursors by transnational criminal organizations, including cartels, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, and Paul Rosen, Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Thea D. Rozman Kendler, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, and Matthew S. Axelrod, Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, both of the Department of Commerce.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1111, to enhance United States civil nuclear leadership, support the licensing of advanced nuclear technologies, strengthen the domestic nuclear energy fuel cycle and supply chain, and improve the regulation of nuclear energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

WATER AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine water affordability and small system assistance, after receiving testimony from Kyle Jones, Community Water Center, Sacramento, California; Rosemary Menard, City of Santa Cruz Water Department, Santa Cruz, California; and Mark Pepper, Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems, Glenrock, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Middle East and North Africa, after receiving testimony from Barbara A. Leaf, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Jeanne Pryor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

RUSSIAN ATROCITIES IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine accountability for Russian atrocities in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Beth Van Schaack, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, Department of State.

LEGACY IT SYSTEMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine securing the nation, focusing on modernizing the Department of Homeland Security's mission-critical legacy IT systems, after receiving testimony from Eric Hysen, Chief Information Officer, Charles Armstrong, Chief Information Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Opeyemi Oshinnaiye, Assistant Administrator for Information Technology, Transportation Security Administration, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Kevin Walsh, Director, Information, Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

CHILD CARE CRISIS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine solving the child care crisis, focusing on meeting the needs of working families and child care workers, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Larin, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Elizabeth Groginsky, New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department Cabinet Secretary, Santa Fe; Lauren Hogan, National Association for the Education of Young Children, and Carrie Lukas, Independent Women's Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Cheryl Morman, Blessings From Above Child Development Center, Richmond, Virginia.

IMMIGRANT WORKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigrant workers, after receiving testimony from Daniel Costa, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Chalmers R. Carr III, Titan Farms LLC, Ridge Spring, South Carolina; Adam Lytch, L and M Farms, East Palatka, Florida; Diana Tellefson Torres, UFW Foundation, Bakersfield, California; and Leon R. Sequeira, Prospect, Kentucky.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Duckworth, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3757–3780; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66; and H. Res. 458–460 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 118–82).

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

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Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023: The House passed H.R. 3746, to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, by a recorded vote of 314 ayes to 117 noes, Roll No. 243.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 118–81 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 456, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3746) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 241, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H2671–80

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 30th.

Recognizing the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to the society and culture of the United States: H. Res. 382, amended, recognizing the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to the society and culture of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 429 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 242; and

Pages H2680–81

Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act of 2023: H.R. 2797, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require certification examinations for accredited

investors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 244.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cicilline, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of Rhode Island, effective at the close of the legislative day today, May 31, 2023.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2680, H2680–81, H2705–06, and H2706.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the National Guard and Reserve, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the reliability and resiliency of electric service in the United States in light of recent reliability assessments and alerts, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the “related Agreement”)

on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc.112–08), the nominations of Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Yael Lempert, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Roger F. Nyhus, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, William W. Popp, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Julie Turner, of Maryland, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, Ervin Jose Massinga, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Ana A. Escrogima, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Lisa A. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese

Republic, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, S. 474, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, and the nominations of Shannon R. Saylor, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice, Ana de Alba, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Irma Carrillo Ramirez, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, June 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 45, Student Loans Congressional Review Act, and vote on passage thereon at 12:15 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, June 1

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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