

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5719–S5766*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3394–3411, and S. Res. 484–486. **Pages S5749–50**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–120)

S. 229, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production.

S. 318, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend to Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 484, to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide training and guidance relating to human rights abuses, including such abuses perpetrated against the Uyghur population by the Government of the People's Republic of China. **Page S5749**

**Richard Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large. **Pages S5739–40**

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

By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 329), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5740**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S5740**

**Federico Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Page S5740**

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 H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program. **Page S5740**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5740**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5740**

**Rayes Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Nathalie Rayes, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Monday, December 4, 2023, ripe at 12:30 p.m. **Page S5762**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 328), Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S5719–28**

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

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 327), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5726**

99 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

220 Army nominations in the rank of general.

16 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

79 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

8 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S5762

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.  
(Total—329) Pages S5726, S5728, S5740

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5762.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DRUG SHORTAGES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug shortages, focusing on supply challenges, impacts, and policy solutions from a Federal health program perspective, after receiving testimony from Inmaculada Hernandez, University of California San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, La Jolla; Marta E. Wosinska, The Brookings Institution Schaeffer Initiative on Health Policy, Washington, D.C.; Allan Coukell, Civica Rx, Lehi, Utah; and Jason R. Westin, Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association on for Clinical Oncology.

### FBI OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 6585–6609; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 908–912, were introduced. Pages H6143–44

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H6145–46

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:  
H.R. 4250, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by establishing appropriate limits on the federally compelled disclosure of information obtained as part of engaging in journalism, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–299). Page H6143

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cloud to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H6113

Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H6118

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to modify the period before the date of any primary election or general election during which a mass mailing is not frankable by a Member of the House who is a candidate in such election: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 731, Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to modify the

period before the date of any primary election or general election during which a mass mailing is not frankable by a Member of the House who is a candidate in such election. Page H6120

Recess: The House recessed at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m. Page H6127

Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023, Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions Act, and Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program”—  
Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 906, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4468) to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5933) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional information in disclosures of foreign gifts and contracts from foreign sources, restrict contracts with