

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5767–S5830*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3412–3429, S.J. Res. 52, and S. Res. 487–490. **Page S5807**

#### Measures Passed:

**1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3250, to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5803**

Schatz (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1372, relating to remote video and telephone access. **Page S5803**

**United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 445, recognizing the importance of the economic relationship between the United States and Israel and affirming that trade facilitated by the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement is a tool to support the economy of Israel during the conflict with Hamas, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5803**

**American Battle Monuments Commission Centennial:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 487, commemorating the centennial of the American Battle Monuments Commission. **Page S5803**

**Jobs for America's Graduates:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 488, recognizing Jobs for America's Graduates for helping young people of truly great promise in the United States succeed in school, on the job, and in postsecondary education, leading to generations of productive and rewarding careers. **Page S5803**

**National Wreaths Across America Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 489, designating December 16, 2023, as "National Wreaths Across America Day". **Page S5803**

**Naval Air Station Pensacola Terrorist Attack:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 490, remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their

lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty. **Page S5803**

#### Measures Considered:

**RELIEVE Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration 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. **Pages S5767–69, S5793–94**

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

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. EX. 332), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5793–94**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5794**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 7, 2023; that if Senator Paul makes a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 51, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in Syria that have not been authorized by Congress, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, Senate vote on the motion at 11:30 a.m.; and that the motion to invoke cloture filed during the session of Tuesday, December 5, 2023 ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Page S5830**

#### Appointments:

**Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys:** The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 116–156, on behalf of the Majority Leader, reappointed the following individual to serve as a Member of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys: Rev. Alfred C. Sharpton of New York. **Pages S5803–04**

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 331), Nathalie Rayes, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia. **Pages S5769–93**

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 330), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5781**

Kathleen Cunningham Matthews, of Maryland, to be a Member of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board for a term expiring January 1, 2027.

Jeffrey Gedmin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board for a term expiring January 1, 2025.

Kenneth M. Jarin, of Pennsylvania, to be Chair of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board.

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Luis Manuel Botello, of Maryland, to be a Member of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board for a term expiring January 1, 2025.

Michelle Mai Selesky Giuda, of Virginia, to be a Member of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board for a term expiring January 1, 2027.

Dante Quintin Allen, of California, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Jamie Fly, of Virginia, to be a Member of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board for a term expiring January 1, 2027. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5802–03**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5805**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—332) **Pages S5781, S5793–94**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5830.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Basil Ivanhoe Gooden, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and Summer K. Mersinger, of South Dakota, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### DOD RECRUITING EFFORTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the status of Department of Defense recruiting efforts and plans for fiscal year 2024, after receiving testimony from Major General Johnny Davis, USA, Commanding General, Army Recruiting Command, Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Alexis T. Walker, USN, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, Major General William J. Bowers, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, and Brigadier General Christopher R. Amrhein, USAF, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, all of the Department of Defense.

### WALL STREET FIRMS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Wall Street firms, including S. 2860, to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, and S. 2190, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to increase bank executive accountability and to improve financial stability, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Scharf, Wells Fargo and Company, San Francisco, California; Brian Moynihan, Bank of America, Charlotte, North Carolina; Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan Chase and Co., Jane Fraser, Citi, Robin Vince, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, David M. Solomon, Goldman Sachs, and James P. Gorman, Morgan Stanley, all of New York, New York; and Ronald P. O'Hanley, State Street Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts.

### IJA INVESTMENTS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act investments in habitat and