

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5883–S5899*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3458–3463, and S.J. Res. 53. **Page S5897**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 61, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement a strategy to combat the efforts of transnational criminal organizations to recruit individuals in the United States via social media platforms and other online services and assess their use of such platforms and services for illicit activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–123)

S. 1798, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–124)

S. 2260, to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity. (S. Rept. No. 118–125)

S. 2286, to improve the effectiveness and performance of certain Federal financial assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–126)

Report to accompany S. 1381, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend. (S. Rept. No. 118–127)

Report to accompany S. 2395, to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs. (S. Rept. No. 118–128) **Page S5897**

**Edwards, Jr. Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S5894**

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 conference report to accompany H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S5894**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5894**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5894**

**Long Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brandon S. Long, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Page S5894**

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 Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S5894**

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**Coker, Jr. Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director. **Page S5894**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 12, 2023; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 7, 2023, ripen at 11:45 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m., and that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination, there be up to 15 minutes for debate prior to the vote on the motion

to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S5899**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 61 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 336), Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5895–96**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—336) **Page S5894**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3:02 p.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5899.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 6691–6716; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 920–921 and 923, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6815–17**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on December 8, 2023, as follows:

H.R. 6611, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to make certain reforms to the authorities under such Act, to reauthorize title VII of such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–302, Part 1).

**Reports were filed today as follows:**

H.R. 5119, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide small businesses with additional time to file beneficial ownership information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–303);

H.R. 5524, to amend the start date of the pilot program on sharing with foreign branches, subsidiaries and affiliates, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–304);

H.R. 5473, to amend certain laws relating to disaster recovery and relief with respect to the implementation of building codes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–305);

H.R. 6093, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, sup-

port improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–306);

H.R. 6570, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to reform certain authorities and to provide greater transparency and oversight, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–307, Part 1); and

H. Res. 922, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1147) to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program under such Act to serve whole milk; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 357) to require the head of an agency to issue and sign any rule issued by that agency, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–308). **Page H6813**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Van Orden to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6745**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6746**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rear Admiral Gregory Todd, Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy, Washington, DC. **Pages H6746–47**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: