

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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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.

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:

National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act of 2023: H.R. 3315, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days; **Pages H6747–48**

Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations: S. 2747, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations; **Pages H6748–49**

Amending the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians: H.R. 2839, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; **Pages H6749–51**

Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2023: H.R. 5473, amended, to amend certain laws relating to disaster recovery and relief with respect to the implementation of building codes **Pages H6754–56**

Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2023, Part II: H.R. 6503, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 709; **Pages H6756–59, H6802**

Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023: H.R. 3224, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 707; **Pages H6759–60, H6800–01**

Prohibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act: H.R. 1042, amended, to prohibit the importation into the United States of unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is produced in the Russian Federation; **Pages H6760–62**

Lower Costs, More Transparency Act: H.R. 5378, amended, to promote price transparency in the health care sector, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 71 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 708; **Pages H6762–89, H6801–02**

5G Spectrum Authority Licensing Enforcement Act: S. 2787, to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to process applications for spectrum licenses from applicants who were successful bidders in an auction before the authority of the Commission to conduct auctions expired on March 9, 2023; and **Pages H6798–99**

PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2023: H.R. 3226, amended, to reauthorize the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who Deliver Infants Early Act. **Pages H6799–H6800**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m. **Page H6754**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6800**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023: S. 788, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue fully electronic stamps under that Act; **Pages H6751–52**

Protect Small Business and Prevent Illicit Financial Activity Act: H.R. 5119, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide small businesses with additional time to file beneficial ownership information; **Pages H6752–53**

Foreign Affiliates Sharing Pilot Program Extension Act: H.R. 5524, amended, to amend the start date of the pilot program on sharing with foreign branches, subsidiaries and affiliates; and **Pages H6753–54**

Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4531, amended, to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment. **Pages H6789–97**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ted Lieu wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H6804**

Senate Referral: S. 3250 was held at the desk. **Page H6748**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6748.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6800–01, H6801–02, and H6802.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ezell, McBath, and Porter.

ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY IN AGENCY RULEMAKING ACT; WHOLE MILK FOR HEALTHY KIDS ACT OF 2023; PROTECT LIBERTY AND END WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 357, the “Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act”; H.R. 1147, the “Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023”; and H.R. 6570, the “Protect Liberty and End Warrantless Surveillance Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1147, the “Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023” and H.R. 357, the “Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1147, the “Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 357, the “Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as

adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress before January 9, 2024, the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business and that the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved if applicable. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Pennsylvania, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Biggs, and Nadler.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine communities in crisis, focusing on what happens when disaster recovery funds are delayed, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1281, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and S. 1742, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on Iran and its proxy threat to U.S. policy and personnel post-October 7, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1840, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and improve the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, S. 3392, to reauthorize the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002, and the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act, S. 3393, to reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, S. 644, to expand the take-home prescribing of methadone through pharmacies, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard Academy whistleblowers, focusing on stories of sexual assault and harassment, 10:15 a.m., SD–562.