

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5901–S5925

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3464–3479, and S. Res. 493–495. **Page S5919**

Measures Reported:

S. 195, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854. (S. Rept. No. 118–129)

S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation. (S. Rept. No. 118–130)

S. 595, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna in the Rio San Jose Stream System and the Pueblos of Jemez and Zia in the Rio Jemez Stream System in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 118–131)

S. 1088, to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–132)

S. 1097, to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–133)

S. 1277, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky. (S. Rept. No. 118–134)

S. 1657, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–135)

S. 1760, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–136) **Pages S5918–19**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S5912–15**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S5912–15**

By 85 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 341), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S5915**

Schumer motion to recommit the conference report to accompany the bill to the Committee on Conference, with instructions, fell when cloture was invoked on the conference report to accompany the bill. (By 26 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 340), Senate earlier failed to table the motion.) **Pages S5914–15**

Schumer Amendment No. 1373 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the conference report to accompany the bill to the Committee on Conference), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer motion to recommit the conference report to accompany the bill to the Committee on Conference, with instructions (listed above), fell. (By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 339), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5912–15**

Schumer Amendment No. 1374 (to Amendment No. 1373), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 1373 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the conference report to accompany the bill to the Committee on Conference) (listed above), fell. **Pages S5912–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 13, 2023;

and that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post cloture.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 338), Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director.

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

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 337), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—341) Pages S5907, S5912, S5914–15

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5925.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine communities in crisis, focusing on what happens when disaster recovery funds are delayed, after receiving testimony from Senator Welch; Ransford Reinhard, South Carolina Office of Resilience, Columbia; Shaun Donovan, Enterprise Community Partners, Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer Gray Thompson, After the Fire USA, Sonoma, California.

MINING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Steve Feldgus, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Troy Heithecker, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Rich Haddock, Barrick Gold Corporation, Bountiful, Utah; Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; and Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Iran and its proxy threat to U.S. policy and personnel post-October 7 from John Bass, Under Secretary for Management, Barbara A. Leaf, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Brett M. Holmgren, Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State.

COAST GUARD ACADEMY WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Coast Guard Academy whistleblowers, focusing on stories of sexual assault and harassment, after receiving testimony from Commander Jennifer L. Yount, USCG, Ret., Coast Guard Academy, Class of 1981, Petaluma, California; Caitlin E. Maro, former member of Coast Guard Academy, Class of 2008, Collierville, Tennessee; Lieutenant Melissa K. McCafferty, USCG, Ret., Coast Guard Academy, Class of 2011, and Colonel Lorry M. Fenner, USAF, Ret., Service Women's Action Network, both of Washington, D.C.; and First Class Cadet Kyra Holmstrup, Coast Guard Academy, Class of 2024, New London, Connecticut, on behalf of Cadets Against Sexual Assault.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;