

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;

S. 3393, to reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 644, to expand the take-home prescribing of methadone through pharmacies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CORPORATE CRIMINALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine cleaning up the C–Suite, focusing on ensuring accountability for corporate criminals, after receiving testimony from Nicole Argentieri, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Matthew Olsen, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, both of the Department of Justice; Andrew E. Lelling,

former United States Attorney, District of Massachusetts, Boston; Brandon L. Garrett, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina; and Ryan Hampton, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### GPO OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, after receiving testimony from Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 6717–6733; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 924–930, were introduced. **Pages H6859–60**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6860–61**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5988, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish grants for tuition-free community colleges, student success grants, and grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–309);

H.R. 1553, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise rules relating to general solicitation or general advertising to allow for presentations or other communication made by or on behalf of an issuer at certain events, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–310);

H.R. 3063, to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–311);

H.R. 2627, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to prohibit limitations on closed-end companies investing in private funds, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–312);

H.R. 2365, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–313); and

H. Res. 918, directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Joseph Biden, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–314). **Page H6859**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kustoff to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6819**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H6826**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H6832**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 11th.

**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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 712; **Pages H6833–34**

**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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 713; **Pages H6834–35**