

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the National Emergency with respect to global illicit drug trafficking declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond December 15, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–89). **Pages H6926–27**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6939.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6921, H6922, H6922–23, and H6923.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECRUITING SHORTFALLS AND GROWING MISTRUST: PERCEPTIONS OF THE US MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Recruiting Shortfalls and Growing Mistrust: Perceptions of the US Military”. Testimony was heard from Ashish S. Vazirani, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Agnes Schaefer, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Army; Franklin R. Parker, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Navy; and Alex Wagner, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Air Force.

PROTECTING WORKERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES FROM BIDEN’S ATTACK ON WORKER FREE CHOICE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Protecting Workers and Small Businesses from Biden’s Attack on Worker Free Choice and Economic Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEVERAGING AGENCY EXPERTISE TO FOSTER AMERICAN AI LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Leveraging Agency Expertise to Foster American AI Leadership and Innovation”. Testimony was heard from Helena Fu, Director of Critical and Emerging Technology, Office of the Undersecretary for Science, Department of En-

ergy; Micky Tripathi, National Coordinator for Health Information Tech, Department of Health and Human Services; and Saif Khan, Senior Advisor to Secretary for Critical and Emerging Technologies, Department of Commerce.

MOVING THE MONEY PART 2: GETTING ANSWERS FROM THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ON THE IRANIAN REGIME’S SUPPORT OF TERRORISM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Moving the Money Part 2: Getting Answers from the Biden Administration on the Iranian Regime’s Support of Terrorism”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and Abram Paley, Deputy Special Envoy for Iran, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6602, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to the review of the interagency dispute resolution process; H.R. 6606, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to the statement of policy; H.R. 5613, to require a review of whether individuals or entities subject to the imposition of certain sanctions through inclusion on certain sanctions lists should also be subject to the imposition of other sanctions and included on other sanctions lists; H.R. 6614, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to licensing transparency; H.R. 1135, to grant certain authorities to the President to combat economic coercion by foreign adversaries, and for other purposes; H.R. 5917, to amend the Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act to modify and extend that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 3016, to amend the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018 to apply the provisions of that Act to international governmental organizations; H.R. 3569, to provide for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 6586, to require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries to the Taliban, and for other purposes; H.R. 6306, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to prohibit the acquisition or lease of a consular or diplomatic post built or owned by an entity beneficially owned by the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes; H.R. 6610, to provide for the modernization of the passport issuance process, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6416, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose certain tax penalties in connection with the invasion of Ukraine. H.R. 6602, H.R. 5613, H.R. 6614, H.R. 1135,

H.R. 3016, H.R. 6586, H.R. 6306, H.R. 6610, and H.R. 6416 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6606, H.R. 5917, and H.R. 3569 were ordered reported, without amendment.

CENSORSHIP LAUNDERING PART II: PREVENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S SILENCING OF DISSENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Censorship Laundering Part II: Preventing the Department of Homeland Security’s Silencing of Dissent”. Testimony was heard from Iranga Kahangama, Assistant Secretary, Cyber, Infrastructure, Risk and Resilience, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security; Mona Harrington, Assistant Director, National Risk Management Center, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL COPYRIGHT PIRACY: PROTECTING AMERICAN CONSUMERS, WORKERS, AND CREATORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Digital Copyright Piracy: Protecting American Consumers, Workers, and Creators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS EMPOWER WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Second Amendment Rights Empower Women’s Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING THE WHO: ENSURING GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Reforming the WHO: Ensuring Global Health Security and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services; John Nkengasong, Ambassador-at-Large, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Senior Bureau Official for Global Health Security and Diplomacy, Department of State; and Atul Gawande, M.D., Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

OVERSIGHT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT: MODAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Modal Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Transportation officials: Carlos Monje, Undersecretary of Transportation for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Transportation; Shailen Bhatt, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Nuria Fernandez, Administrator Federal Transit Administration; Robin Hutcheson, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Ann Carlson, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PROPOSALS FOR A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2024: STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2024: Stakeholder Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Teresa Batts, Mayor, Surf City, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

GROWTH OF THE TAX-EXEMPT SECTOR AND THE IMPACT ON THE AMERICAN POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Growth of the Tax-Exempt Sector and the Impact on the American Political Landscape”. Testimony was heard from Justin Chung, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CCP TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION: THE PARTY’S EFFORT TO SILENCE AND COERCE CRITICS OVERSEAS

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “CCP Transnational Repression: The Party’s Effort to Silence and Coerce Critics Overseas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress, S. 461, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, S. 594, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 636, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 1118, to establish the Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Data Program, S. 1254, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1521, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects, S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, S. 1662, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Midvale Irrigation District the Pilot Butte Power Plant in the State of Wyoming, S. 1776, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 1890, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 1955, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water

conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, S. 2160, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, S. 2247, to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, S. 3044, to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the “Mount Blue Sky Wilderness”, S. 3045, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and S. 3046, to make permanent the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity National Forest marina fees, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the diabetes epidemic, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine protecting the human rights of foster children, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine substance use trends among older adults, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.