

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5969–S6012

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3514–3553, and S. Res. 503–510. **Pages S5995–97**

Measures Passed:

Military Personnel Confirmation Restoration Act: Senate passed S. 3553, to provide a retroactive effective date for the promotion of senior officers of the Armed Forces whose military promotions were delayed as a result of the suspension of Senate confirmation of such promotions. **Page S5989**

Revising Existing Procedures On Reporting via Technology Act: Senate passed S. 474, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, after withdrawing the committee reported amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6006–08**

Schumer (for Blackburn/Ossoff) Amendment No. 1377, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6004**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Land Claim Settlement Act: Senate passed 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. **Pages S6008–09**

National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act: Senate passed 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. **Page S6009**

Building Chips in America Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from

further consideration of S. 2228, to amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 to clarify the scope of a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to certain projects relating to the production of semiconductors, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Kelly) Amendment No. 1378, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6004**

Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 62, providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 63, providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 64, providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act: Senate passed S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation.

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Texas Christian University 150th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 453, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Texas Christian University, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Ataxia Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 507, designating September 25, 2023, as “National Ataxia Awareness Day”, and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure. **Page S6011**

Interscholastic Athletic Administrators’ Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 508, recognizing Interscholastic Athletic Administrators’ Day on December 14, 2023. **Page S6011**

First Commemoration of the Anti-LGBTQ+ Attack at Club Q: Senate agreed to S. Res. 509, recognizing the first commemoration of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. **Page S6011**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the re-appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Randall Schriver of Virginia and Aaron Friedberg of New Jersey. **Page S6006**

Fonzone and O’Malley Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. **Page S6011**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2023, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Martin O’Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Martin O’Malley, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6011**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 66 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 345), Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Pages S5970–86**

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

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 344), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5976**

By 64 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 346), Brandon S. Long, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Pages S5986–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Page S5986**

Lisa A. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Todd Gloria, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

17 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

6 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S6011**

Messages from the House: **Page S5995**

Measures Referred: **Page S5995**

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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S5995**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5994–95**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6006**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—346) **Pages S5976, S5986–87**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6011.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: