

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sitting as a Court of Impeachment for consideration of the Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, adjourned sine die.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2797–S2831

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4136–4155, S.J. Res. 72, S. Res. 647, and S. Con. Res. 33.

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 33, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in honor of the remains of Ralph Puckett, Jr., the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for acts performed during the Korean conflict.

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Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4389, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7888, to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 12 noon, on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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Impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas: Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas,

Secretary of Homeland Security, taking the following actions:

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Administering the Oath to President Pro Tempore: Pursuant to Rule III of the Senate Rules on Impeachment, Senator Grassley administered the oath to Senator Murray.

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Administering the Oath to Senators: In conformance with Article I, section 3, clause 6 of the United States Constitution, and the Senate Rules on Impeachment, Senator Murray administered the oath to the Members of the United States Senate.

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Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 132), Senate, under the precedents and practices of the Senate, upheld the Schumer point of order that Impeachment Article I does not allege conduct that rises to the level of a high crime or misdemeanor as required under Article II, section 4, of the United States Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional. Subsequently, the point of order was well taken and the article falls. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 131), Senate earlier failed to table the point of order.)

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By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate, under the precedents and practices of the Senate, upheld the Schumer point of order that Impeachment Article II does not allege conduct that rises to the level of a high crime or misdemeanor as required under Article II, section 4, of the United States Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional. Subsequently, the point of order was well taken and the article falls. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 138), Senate earlier failed to table the point of order.)

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By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 140), Schumer motion to adjourn the court of impeachment sine die.

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Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 129), Cruz motion that Senate proceed to closed session to allow

for deliberation on Schumer point of order related to Impeachment Article I (listed above) as required by Rule XXIV of the Senate Rules on Impeachment.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 130), Kennedy motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 12 noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 133), Lee motion that Senate proceed to closed session to allow for deliberation on Schumer point of order related to Impeachment Article II (listed above) as required by Rule XXIV of the Senate Rules on Impeachment.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 134), Scott (FL) motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 12 noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 135), Kennedy motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 12 noon on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 136), Marshall motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 7 a.m., on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 137), Kennedy motion to proceed to Executive Session.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—5)

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Record Votes: Twelve record votes were taken today. (Total—140)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, April 18, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2831.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

DOE AND NNSA ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, and Jill M. Hruby, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

FAA ODA EXPERT PANEL REPORT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the FAA Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Expert Panel Report, after receiving testimony from Tracy Dillinger, Manager for Safety Culture and Human Factors, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Javier de Luis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Najmedin Meshkati, University of Southern California Aviation Safety and Security Program, Los Angeles.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Stabenow, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2024 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.