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## *House of Representatives*

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

## *Senate*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The Senate met at 2 and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARSHA BLACKBURN, a Senator from the State of Tennessee.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
*Washington, DC, February 19, 2026.*

*To the Senate:*

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARSHA BLACKBURN, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mrs. BLACKBURN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2 and 42 seconds p.m., adjourned until Monday, February 23, 2026, at 3 p.m.

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# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 2:00:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 2:00:42 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026.

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### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
3 p.m., Monday, February 23

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
11:30 a.m., Friday, February 20

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senator Kaine will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7147, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

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House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.



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