

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5489–S5527

Measures Introduced: Forty-nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4770–4818, and S. Res. 771–774. **Pages S5510–12**

Measures Reported:

S. 4795, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–198)

S. 4796, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–199)

S. 4797, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–200)

S. 4802, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–201) **Page S5510**

Measures Passed:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 774, designating June 15, 2024, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and the month of June 2024 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”. **Page S5525**

House Messages:

Eliminate Useless Reports Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2073, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5489**

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Schumer Amendment No. 3022 (to Amendment No. 3021), to add an effective date. **Page S5489**

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

By 86 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 219), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021 (listed above). **Page S5505**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 3023, to add an effective date, fell when cloture was invoked on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021. **Page S5489**

Schumer Amendment No. 3024 (the instructions (Amendment No. 3023) of the motion to refer), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 3023 (listed above), fell. **Page S5489**

Schumer Amendment No. 3025 (to Amendment No. 3024), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 3024 (the instructions (Amendment No. 3023) of the motion to refer) (listed above), fell. **Page S5489**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be deemed expired; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Stacey D. Neumann, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021; and that if cloture is not invoked on the nomination, the vote on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3021 occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. **Page S5505**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Brown be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from July 25, 2024 through July 26, 2024. **Page S5497**

Neumann Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stacey D. Neumann, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine. **Page S5504**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 25, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5504**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 29, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, as provided under the order of Tuesday, July 23, 2024. **Page S5525**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 218), Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Val Butler Demings, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2030.

William Zollars, of Kansas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2029.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—219) **Pages S5497, S5505**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:52 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5525.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 4795) entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act";

An original bill (S. 4802) entitled, "Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act";

An original bill (S. 4797) entitled, "State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act"; and

An original bill (S. 4796) entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act".

ADVANCING NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing national security through export controls, investment security, and the Defense Production Act, including S. 3311, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a demonstration program to test providing preferential treatment under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs for certain drugs and biologicals manufactured in the United States, after receiving testimony from Thea D. Rozman Kendler, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Paul M. Rosen, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security; Grant T. Harris, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Analysis; and Laura Taylor-Kale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Samuel Arbeit, of the District of Columbia, Benjamin A. Guider III, of Louisiana, and Cathy Fung, of California, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on international support for Russia's war in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Brian Lessenberry, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, and Edward Atkinson, Analyst for Energy and Economic Security, both of the Department of State; and Richard Phillips, Senior National Intelligence Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of South Dakota, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carmen G. Iguina Gonzalez, and Joseph Russell Palmore, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An authorization for Investigation into the Bankruptcy of Steward Health Care; and

An authorization for Subpoena of Dr. Ralph de la Torre, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Steward Health Care Systems LLC, for Testimony Relating to the Committee Investigation into the Bankruptcy of Steward Health Care.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2783, to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding;

S. 3406, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund;

S. 4000, to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Lytton Rancheria of California; and

S. 4365, to provide public health veterinary services to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for rabies prevention, with an amendment.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 4370, to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act, and S. 4505, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Tracy Canard Goodluck, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; John Crockett, Deputy Chief, State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Larry Phillips, Jr., Ohkay Owingeh, Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico; Thora Padilla, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mescalero, New Mexico; and Benjamin Mallott, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 9131–9178; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 194; H. Con. Res. 122; and H. Res. 1386–1391, were introduced. **Pages H4946–49**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4951–52**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 6213, to reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–612). **Page H4946**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Levi Slonim, Chabad of Binghamton, Vestal, New York. **Page H4917**

Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years: Mr. Michael Joseph Sommers of Alexandria, Virginia. **Page H4919**

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term: Mr. Saul Aaron Fox of Miami Beach, Florida.

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Strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border: The House agreed to H. Res. 1371, as amended, strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 400.

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H. Res. 1376, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1371) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, July 25, 2024, through Sunday, September 8, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages S4929–30.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REAUTHORIZING THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development held a hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the CFTC: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY BY ELIMINATING INCONSISTENT REGULATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Cybersecurity by Eliminating Inconsistent Regulations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024

(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, July 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Stacey D. Neumann, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Friday, July 26

House Chamber

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

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