

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6699–S6736*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5365–5404, S.J. Res. 118, and S. Res. 908–917. **Pages S6723–24**

**Measures Reported:**

H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields.

H.R. 4984, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the District of Columbia so that the District may use the Campus for purposes including residential and commercial development.

H.R. 5443, to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction.

H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

S. 254, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account.

S. 373, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy.

S. 482, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 620, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska.

S. 739, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 914, to establish an energy threat analysis center in the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1553, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing permits and leases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act.

S. 2156, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to authorize additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York.

S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, with an amendment.

S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants.

S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3123, to provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3346, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and Smith River system in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the “George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center”, with amendments.

S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area.

S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3544, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the “Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center”.

S. 3593, to provide for economic development and conservation in Washoe County, Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3596, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite.

S. 3617, to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3631, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3790, to make additional Federal public land available for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3985, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness.

S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, with an amendment.

S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds and surrounding land in the States of Illinois and Missouri, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine.

S. 4216, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the “Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center”.

S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the “Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4242, to extend the authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991.

S. 4245, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, with amendments.

S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4424, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, to acknowledge and support the longstanding use of cultural burning by Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4432, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4451, to require the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to carry out a study on reservation systems for Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4454, to provide for the establishment of an Operational Flexibility Grazing Management Program on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4457, to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program.

S. 4607, to designate the America’s National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark.

S. 4664, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to promote the use of artificial intelligence to support the missions of the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4851, to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include the Scarper Ridge property.

S. 4932, to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4936, to require a study relating to the Minidoka National Historic Site.

S. 4974, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.

S. 4994, to modify the boundary of the Vicksburg National Military Park in the State of Mississippi.

S. 4996, to amend Public Law 89–108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4999, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 5000, to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 5005, to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act.

S. 5011, to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee, to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety.

S. 5012, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, with an amendment.

S. 5013, to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 5125, to provide for certain improvements to the housing and workforce programs of Federal land management agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 5136, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Plum Island. **Pages S6721–23**

#### Measures Passed:

**Amending the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act:** Senate passed S. 385, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. **Pages S6703–07**

**Unlocking Native Lands and Opportunities for Commerce and Key Economic Developments Act:** Senate passed S. 1322, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify the authorized purposes and term period of tribal leases, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6703–07**

**Lower Sioux Indian Community Charter:** Senate passed S. 2868, to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community. **Pages S6703–07**

**National Rural Health Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 909, designating November 21, 2024, as “National Rural Health Day”. **Page S6707**

**Autism CARES Act:** Senate passed H.R. 7213, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and reauthorize activities and programs relating to autism spectrum disorder, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6733**

Helmy (for Lujan/Collins) Amendment No. 3305, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6733**

**Coastal Habitat Conservation Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2950, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend. **Page S6733**

**James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint:** Senate passed H.R. 5799, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the “James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint”. **Pages S6733–34**

**Public Radio Music Day:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 865, expressing the support of the Senate for the designation of October 23, 2024, as “Public Radio Music Day” and deep appreciation for the role of public radio music stations in serving listeners, musicians, and hundreds

of communities in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6734**

**Drive Safer Sunday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 911, designating December 1, 2024, as “Drive Safer Sunday”. **Page S6734**

**National Lung Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 912, designating November 2024 as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month” and expressing support for early detection and treatment of lung cancer. **Page S6734**

**National Move Over Law Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 913, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day. **Page S6734**

**National Adoption Day and Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 914, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Page S6734**

**National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 915, designating September 2024 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S6734**

**Congratulating the Los Angeles Dodgers:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 916, congratulating the Los Angeles Dodgers for winning the 2024 Major League Baseball World Series. **Page S6734**

**Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5302, to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the “Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6734**

**Strengthening Child Exploitation Enforcement Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4708, to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to kidnapping, sexual abuse, and illicit sexual conduct with respect to minors, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6734–35**

Helmy (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3306, to make a technical amendment. **Pages S6734–35**

**Beagle Brigade Act:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 759, to authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6735**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 22, 2024, at 12 noon; Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 10 a.m.; and Friday, November 29, 2024, at 9 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 29, 2024, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, December 2, 2024.

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**Wise Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Noel Wise, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Weilheimer Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gail A. Weilheimer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 302), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Hwang Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Anne Hwang, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 2, 2024; and that the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at 5:30 p.m.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 82 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 303), Sharad Harshad Desai, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

13 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Beth H. Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2029.

Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2029.

James Bernard Coughlan, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2030.

Halie L. Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 2026.

Loida Nicolas Lewis, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Loida Nicolas Lewis, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years, which was sent to the Senate on November 14, 2024.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—303) Pages S6702–03, S6708

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:48 p.m., until 12 noon on Friday, November 22, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6735.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2220, to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy

in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Anthony J. Brindisi, and Elizabeth C. Coombe, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Sarah Morgan Davenport, to be United States Dis-

trict Judge for the District of New Mexico, Tiffany Rene Johnson, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Keli Marie Neary, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Miranda L. Holloway-Baggett, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama, Department of Justice.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 57 public bills, H.R. 10191–10247; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 226; and H. Res. 1591–1594, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6193**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5535, to prohibit the Federal Insurance Office of the Department of the Treasury and other financial regulators from collecting data directly from an insurance company, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–759, Part 1). **Page H6188**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Clark Bosher, Willow Park Baptist Church, Willow Park, Texas. **Page H6157**

**Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act:** The House passed H.R. 9495, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to postpone tax deadlines and reimburse paid late fees for United States nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 477. **Pages H6159–68**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H6159–60**

H. Res. 1576, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1449) and (H.R. 9495) was agreed to Tuesday, November 19th.

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, November 20th.

**Urging the Government of Ukraine to review and modify its decision to suspend adoption by foreign nationals with a view to resuming such**

adoptions, particularly in cases where the mutual concerns of the Governments of Ukraine and of the United States can be substantially addressed: H. Res. 915, urging the Government of Ukraine to review and modify its decision to suspend adoption by foreign nationals with a view to resuming such adoptions, particularly in cases where the mutual concerns of the Governments of Ukraine and of the United States can be substantially addressed, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 478.

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**Congressional Award Board—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. Brenda Larsen Becker of Alexandria, Virginia; Ms. Susan Brackin Hirschmann of Alexandria, Virginia; and Ms. Sylvie Legere of Wilmette, Illinois.

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**Work Period Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, November 21, 2024, through Monday, December 2, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H6169**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6168 and H6169.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
12 noon, Friday, November 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
1 p.m., Friday, November 22

Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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