

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6743–S6761*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5405–5408, and S. Res. 918. **Pages S6755–56**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 59, to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills-and competency-based hiring, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–250)

S. 2278, to establish Image Adjudicator and Supervisory Image Adjudicator positions in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–251)

S. 2492, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve coordination between the Do Not Pay working system and Federal and State agencies authorized to use the system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–252)

S. 4419, to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–253)

S. 4630, to establish an interagency committee to harmonize regulatory regimes in the United States relating to cybersecurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–254)

S. 4676, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–255)

H.R. 4403, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program. (S. Rept. No. 118–256)

H.R. 4467, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 118–257)

H.R. 5528, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to de-

termine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security. (S. Rept. No. 118–258)

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. **Page S6755**

**Measures Passed:**

**DHS Better Ballistic Body Armor Act:** Senate passed S. 4305, to improve the effectiveness of body armor issued to female agents and officers of the Department of Homeland Security, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6758–59**

Stabenow (for Peters) Amendment No. 3307, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6759**

**FIFA World Cup 2026 Commemorative Coin Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7438, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6759**

**Gold Star and Surviving Spouse Career Services Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3746, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6759–60**

**Brindisi Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anthony J. Brindisi, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Page S6749**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition

of the nomination of Gail A. Weilheimer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6749**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6749**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6749**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 12 noon, on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. **Page S6760**

**Coombe Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth C. Coombe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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**Davenport Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Morgan Davenport, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth C. Coombe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Page S6749**

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**Johnson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S6750**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sarah Morgan Davenport, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S6750**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6750**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6750**

**Neary Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6750**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S6750**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6750**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6750**

**Sooknanan and Henry Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the Chair execute the order of November 20, 2024, with respect to the nomination of Sparkle L. Sooknanan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and that upon disposition of the Sooknanan nomination, the Chair execute the order of November 20, 2024, with respect to the nomination of Catherine Henry, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6760**

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

By 48 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 304), Anne Hwang, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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By 47 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 305), Brian Edward Murphy, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S6751–52**

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
 9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S6760–61**

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

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S6754**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S6754**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S6754–53**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S6756**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S6756–58**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S6752–54**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S6758**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—305) **Pages S6751–52**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m., until 12 noon on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6760.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1005)

H.R. 7189, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a national congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program. Signed on November 21, 2024. (Public Law 118–107)

H.R. 599, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–108)

H.R. 807, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–109)

H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret

B. Hill Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–110)

H.R. 1098, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–111)

H.R. 3608, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California, as the “Major Megan McClung Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–112)

H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–113)

H.R. 4190, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–114)

H.R. 5464, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Guntersville, Alabama, as the “Colonel Ola Lee Mize Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–115)

H.R. 5476, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the “Susan C. Barnhart Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–116)

H.R. 5490, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–117)

H.R. 5640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–118)

H.R. 5712, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the “Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–119)

H.R. 5861, to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–120)

H.R. 5985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the “Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–121)

H.R. 6073, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–122)

H.R. 6249, to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–123)

H.R. 6324, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–124)

H.R. 6651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in Necedah, Wisconsin, as the “Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–125)

H.R. 7192, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the “Dr. William I. ‘Bill’ Kott Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–126)

H.R. 7199, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the “Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–127)

H.R. 7333, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the “Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–128)

H.R. 7423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–129)

H.R. 7777, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2024, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–130)

S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–131)

S. 2143, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the “Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–132)

S. 2274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the “Dessie A. Bebout Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–133)

S. 3126, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient’s dates of service in the Armed Forces. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–134)

S. 3267, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the “First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–135)

S. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the “John Charles Traub Post Office”. Signed on November 25, 2024. (Public Law 118–136)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5349, the “Crucial Communism Teaching Act”; and H.R. 7198, the “Prove It Act of 2024”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 3 through December 6, 2024

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Anthony J. Brindisi, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Sparkle L. Sooknanan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Catherine Henry, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Tuesday’s session.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* December 5, Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the public health impacts of PFAS exposures, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* December 5, business meeting to consider the nomination of David Samuel Johnson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 5, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Global Magnitsky Laws, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* December 5, to hold hearings to examine what the FDA is doing to reduce the diabetes and obesity epidemics in America, focusing on the food and beverage industry, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* December 4, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations,

to hold hearings to examine new revelations about airline fees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

December 5, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Postal Service, focusing on understanding proposed service changes, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* December 5, business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Benjamin J. Cheeks, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Serena Raquel Murillo, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* December 3, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Education and Workforce,* December 4, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Back to Basics: America’s Founding, Civics, and Self-Government in K-12 Curricula”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* December 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Innovation Revolution: How Technology is Shaping the Future of Finance”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* December 5, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Design vs. Default: Analyzing Shifts in Cybersecurity”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* December 4, Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services”, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability,* December 4, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, business meeting on Report on “After Action Review of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Lessons Learned and a Path Forward”, 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

December 4, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Exposing the Truth on LNG: How the Administration Played Politics with America’s Energy Future”, 2:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

December 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Census Bureau”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* December 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fact and Fiction: Getting to the Bottom of the VA Budget Shortfall”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party,* December 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rebuilding the Arsenal of Democracy: The Imperative to Strengthen America’s Defense Industrial Base and Workforce”, 9:30 a.m., 2176 Rayburn.

*Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump,* December 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled

“Secret Service Security Failures and the Attempts to Assassinate President-Elect Donald J. Trump”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 5, Full Committee, business meeting on final recommendations and report, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

### Joint Meeting

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* December 5, to hold hearings to examine the role of Belarus in Russia’s crimes, 2:30 p.m., 2118–RHOB.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Tuesday, December 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, December 3

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Additional roll call votes are expected during Tuesday's session.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of measures under the suspension of the Rules.



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