

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-elect Adam B. Schiff, of California, was administered the oath of office by the President Pro Tempore.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

(Legislative Day of Monday, December 16, 2024)

**Routine Proceedings, pages S7187–S7246**

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5602–5638, and S. Res. 935–937. **Pages S7240–41**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1171, to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prevent Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children from trading stocks and owning stocks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–309)

S. 2315, to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–310)

S. 2871, to advance Federal Government innovation through the implementation and use of multi-cloud computing software technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–311)

S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–312)

S. 3654, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the timely appointment of agency transition officials, to ensure adequate performance and oversight of required transition-related preparation, to require new guidance for agencies and possible transition teams, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–313)

S. 3810, to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China

and the United States Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–314)

S. 4043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–315)

S. 4373, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–316)

S. 4651, to require agencies to use information and communications technology products obtained from original equipment manufacturers or authorized resellers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–317)

S. 4681, to ensure a timely, fair, meaningful, and transparent process for individuals to seek redress because they were wrongly identified as a threat under the screening and inspection regimes used by the Department of Homeland Security, to require a report on the effectiveness of enhanced screening programs of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–318)

S. 4711, to limit the consideration of marijuana use when making an employment suitability or security clearance determination, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–319)

S. 5028, to require Federal contractors to implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–320)

S. 5067, to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–321)

S. 5102, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–322)

S. 5105, to require a report by the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding the failed assassination attempt on the life of Donald J. Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–323)

S. 5109, to amend section 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to extend the Chief Data Officer Council's sunset and add new authorities for improving Federal agency data governance, including to enable reliable and secure adoption of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–324)

S. 5133, to establish a tracker for Senate-confirmed executive branch positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–325)

S. 5302, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address the responsibilities of the Administrator of General Services with respect to Federal advisory committees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–326)

S. 5313, to improve section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–327)

S. 5315, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance border security by seeking to expand partnerships with appropriate law enforcement entities in Mexico and Central American and South American countries to combat human smuggling and trafficking operations in Mexico and such countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–328)

S. 5317, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the Homeland Security Information Network, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–329)

S. 5319, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–330)

S. 5321, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–331)

H.R. 5527, to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund. (S. Rept. No. 118–332)

H.R. 6231, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require a prioritized policy issuance review process for the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 118–333)

H.R. 7832, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–334)

H.R. 9596, to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program. (S. Rept. No. 118–335)

S. 4753, to reform leasing, permitting, and judicial review for certain energy and minerals projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–336)

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#### Measures Passed:

*America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark Act:* Senate passed S. 4607, to designate the America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark.

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*Fort Ontario Holocaust Refugee Shelter National Historical Park Establishment Act:* Senate passed S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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*Central Division of Utah:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8666, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello, and the bill was then passed.

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*Guarding Readiness Resources Act:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 4511, to provide for the crediting of funds received by the National Guard Bureau as reimbursement from States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Lee Amendment No. 3345, in the nature of a substitute.

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*Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building:* Senate passed H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the "Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building".

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*Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office:* Senate passed S. 4404, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the "Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office".

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**Representative Maxine Bell Post Office:** Senate passed S. 4634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 154 First Avenue East in Jerome, Idaho, as the "Representative Maxine Bell Post Office". **Page S7199**

**First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office:** Senate passed S. 4803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the "First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office". **Page S7199**

**Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 1823, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building". **Page S7199**

**Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the "Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building". **Page S7199**

**U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 6810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the "U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building". **Page S7199**

**Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 6983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the "Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office". **Page S7199**

**Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 7180, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the "Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office". **Pages S7199–S7200**

**John Mercer Langston Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 7385, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 7417, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the "Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 7606, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 1087 Route 47 South in Rio Grande, New Jersey, as the "Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**George Henry White Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 7607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Block 1025, Lots 18 & 19, Northeast Corner of US Route 9 South and Main Street in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 7893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 Pickens Street in Marion, Alabama, as the "Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the "Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**LaBruce 'Bruce' Tidwell Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 6162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the "LaBruce 'Bruce' Tidwell Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 6188, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, as the "Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 6633, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9355 113th Street in Seminole, Florida, as the "Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 6750, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the "Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building". **Page S7200**

**Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 8057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the "Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office". **Page S7200**

**Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6116, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, as the “Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Battles Road in Santa Maria, California, as the “Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**William E. and Elsie L. Barrett Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7507, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 East 6th Street in Lexington, Nebraska, as the “William E. and Elise L. Barrett Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Gladys P. Todd Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1285 Emancipation Highway in Fredericksburg, Virginia, as the “Gladys P. Todd Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8641, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Main Street in Brawley, California, as the “Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8717, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West Main Street in Santaquin, Utah, as the “SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Floyd B. Olson Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8841, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Center Street East in Roseau, Minnesota, as the “Floyd B. Olson Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Chief Michael Maloney Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8868, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 609 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Michael Maloney Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kaubaihao Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8909, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82–6110 Mamalahoa Highway in Captain Cook, Hawaii, as the “Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhaihao Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 Highway 74 South in Peachtree City, Georgia, as the “SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8976, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West White Street in Millstadt, Illinois, as the “Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9285, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3913 Leland Avenue Northwest in Comstock Park, Michigan, as the “Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Judge James R. Williams Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 675 Wolf Ledges Parkway in Akron, Ohio, as the “Judge James R. Williams Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Mayor Rob Gordon Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9421, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Main Street in Bucoda,

Washington, as the “Mayor Rob Gordon Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9544, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 South 1st Avenue in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the “Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9580, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the “Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9600, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the “Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**Officer Noah Jacob Shabnavaz Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9775, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 North Anderson Street in Elwood, Indiana, as the “Officer Noah Jacob Shabnavaz Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**Captain Robert E. ‘Bob’ Batterson Post Office:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 10065, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 North Tancagua Street in Corpus Christi, Texas, as the “Captain Robert E. ‘Bob’ Batterson Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7201**

**1st Lieutenant Andres Zermeno Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6244, to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 1535 East Los Ebanos Boulevard in Brownsville, Texas, as the “1st Lieutenant Andres Zermeno Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7201–05**

**Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6492, to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land. **Pages S7205–14**

**Urban Canal Modernization Act:** Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7214**

**Klamath Basin Water Agreement Support Act:** Senate passed H.R. 7938, 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. **Pages S7214–15**

**Congratulating the Los Angeles Galaxy:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 936, congratulating the Los Angeles Galaxy for winning the 2024 Major League Soccer Cup. **Page S7215**

**Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act:** Senate passed S. 623, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs. **Page S7218**

**RESERVE Federal Land Act:** Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7218–19**

**National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System:** Senate passed S. 4974, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System. **Page S7219**

**Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 2020, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group. **Page S7219**

**Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act:** Senate passed S. 3617, to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska,

after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7219–20**

**Scarper Ridge Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act:** Senate passed S. 4851, to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include the Scarper Ridge property. **Page S7220**

**Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension Act:** Senate passed S. 3790, to extend the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the amendment to the title. **Page S7220**

**Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park:** Senate passed S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S7220–21**

**Prison Staff Safety Enhancement Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 5062, to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S7222–23**

Bennet (for Blackburn/Ossoff) Amendment No. 3349, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7222**

**Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4640, to strengthen trafficking victim assistance grant funding, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7223**

Bennet (for Ossoff/Blackburn) Amendment No. 3350, in the nature of substitute. **Page S7223**

**VETS Safe Travel Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7365, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7223**

**Federal Register Modernization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 9592, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register. **Page S7223**

**House Office of Legislative Counsel Modernization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 9487, to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 to authorize the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives to designate more than one of the attorneys of the Office of the Legislative Counsel as a Deputy Legislative Counsel. **Page S7223**

**Authorizing testimony and representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 937, to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Warnagiris. **Pages S7223–24**

## Measures Considered:

**Social Security Fairness Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 82, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions. **Pages S7187–92, S7217–18**

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

By 73 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 328), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7217**

## Appointments:

**United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ariela Ruth Dubler of New York. **Page S7223**

**Swearing in of Senator Schiff:** The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Adam B. Schiff, of the State of California, for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January 2025, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S7216**

**Cheeks and Murillo Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Benjamin J. Cheeks, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Serena Raquel Murillo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, ripen at 11 a.m., on Friday, December 20, 2024. **Page S7245**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, December 20, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Benjamin J. Cheeks, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that upon disposition of the nomination of Serena Raquel Murillo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Senate resume Legislative Session. **Page S7245**

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

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.	
12 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.	
39 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.	
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Space Force.	<b>Page S7245</b>
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<b>Notices of Intent:</b>	<b>Page S7245</b>
<b>Record Votes:</b> One record vote was taken today. (Total—328)	<b>Page S7217</b>
<b>Recess:</b> Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 8:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7245.)	

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 10512–10542; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 229–230; and H. Res. 1622–1625, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7392**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1720, to modify permitting requirements with respect to the discharge of any pollutant from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–929);

H.R. 3316, to amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–930);

H.R. 3356, to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to employment screening for the motor carrier industry, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–931);

H.R. 8616, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to establish a disaster deductible for each State to offset the amount provided to such State in response to a major disaster, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–932);

H.R. 7070, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–933);

H.R. 3988, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–934, Part 1);

H.R. 8505, to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to assess penalties for violations of laws and regulations relating to the shipping of household goods, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–935);

H.R. 3196, to provide for the appointment of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–741, Part 1);

H.R. 4507, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to promote transparency in health coverage and reform pharmacy benefit management services with respect to group health plans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–742, Part 1);

H.R. 2666, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to codify value-based purchasing arrangements under the Medicaid program and reforms related to price reporting under such arrangements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–743, Part 1);

H.R. 7513, to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing a proposed rule regarding minimum staffing for nursing facilities, and to establish an advisory panel on the skilled nursing facility workforce, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–745, Part 1);

H.R. 7687, to amend title 51, United States Code, to authorize the transfer to NASA of funds

from other agencies for scientific or engineering research or education, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–746, Part 1);

H.R. 8302, to establish a commission to review the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and make recommendations for legislative reforms, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–800, Part 1);

H.R. 4377, to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 with respect to extensions, additions, and revisions to the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona (H. Rept. 118–747, Part 1);

H.R. 200, to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are not required to reinitiate consultation on a land management plan or land use plan under certain circumstances, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–748, Part 1);

H.R. 1380, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to issue guidance on climbing management in designated wilderness areas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–749, Part 1);

H.J. Res. 96, to approve the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact, and related agreements, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact, and certain related agreements between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau, to appropriate funds to carry out the agreements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–785, Part 1);

H.R. 5665, to require a comprehensive assessment of certain Federal trails, campsites, boat docks, and outdoor recreation facilities to determine the accessibility options for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–751, Part 1);

H.R. 6070, to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the authority of Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at the Nevada test and training range, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–752, Part 1);

H.R. 8811, to reauthorize the American's Conservation Enhancement Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–753, Part 1);

H.R. 3244, to provide authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to take special measures against certain entities outside of the United States of primary money laundering concern in connection with illicit fentanyl and narcotics financing, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–783, Part 1);

H.R. 3556, to amend the Federal financial laws to increase financial regulatory accountability and transparency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–793, Part 1);

H.R. 5409, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to determine whether a national security review is needed for reportable agricultural land transactions referred by the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–801, Part 1);

H.R. 133, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the use of the national coverage determination process under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–764, Part 1);

H.R. 3556, to amend the Federal financial laws to increase financial regulatory accountability and transparency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–793, Part 1);

H.R. 5409, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to determine whether a national security review is needed for reportable agricultural land transactions referred by the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–801, Part 1);

H.R. 3378, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture as a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–798, Part 1);

H.R. 4406, to require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–821, Part 1);

H.R. 9457, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to prohibit increased payments under a group health plan or group health insurance coverage for telehealth services furnished by a provider located at a facility, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–876, Part 1);

H.R. 8261, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend certain flexibilities and payment adjustments under the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–891, Part 1);

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);

H.R. 2367, to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program for projects for commercial motor vehicle parking, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–936);

H.R. 2948, to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of certain specialized hauling vehicles on the Interstate System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–937);

H.R. 1753, to ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–938, Part 1);

H.R. 4552, to improve the cybersecurity of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–939, Part 1); and

H.R. 8784, to require each agency to evaluate the permitting system of the agency, to consider whether a permit by rule could replace that system, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–940).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**American Relief Act, 2025:** H.R. 10515, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 235 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 516.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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**Providing for corrections in the enrollment of S. 4367:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 46, providing for corrections in the enrollment of S. 4367.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 709 was held at the desk. S. 3791 was held at the desk. S. 4367 was held at the desk. S. Con Res. 46 was held at the desk. S. 432 was held at the desk. S. 608 was held at the desk. S. 961 was held at the desk. S. 1059 was held at the desk. S. 1088 was held at the desk. S. 1760 was held at the desk. S. 2018 was held at the desk. S. 2042 was held at the desk. S. 2151 was held at the desk. S. 2615 was held at the desk. S. 2620 was held at the desk. S. 2742 was held at the desk. S. 3123 was held at the desk. S. 4129 was held at the desk. S. 4209 was held at the desk. S. 4511 was held at the desk. S. 4607 was held at the desk. S. 4994 was held at the desk. S. 5000 was held at the desk. S. 5125 was held at the desk. S. 5136 was held at the desk. S. 559 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7365.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye-a-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H7385.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, December 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, December 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Benjamin J. Cheeks, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, at approximately 11 a.m.

If cloture is invoked, there will be up to two hours of debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination of Benjamin J. Cheeks. Following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Serena Raquel Murillo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. If cloture is invoked, there will be up to two hours of debate, prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** To be announced.

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