

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-elect Jim Justice, of West Virginia, was administered the oath of office by the President Pro Tempore.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S127–S158

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 83–93, and S. Res. 24–26. **Pages S139–40**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Membership on Certain Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 26, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S136–37**

Measures Considered:

Laken Riley Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 5, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S130–36**

Pending:

Thune (for Ernst/Grassley) Amendment No. 8, to include crimes resulting in death or serious bodily injury to the list of offenses that, if committed by an inadmissible alien, require mandatory detention. **Page S130**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. **Page S158**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission) during the 119th Congress: Senators Whitehouse, Shaheen, Smith, and Fetterman. **Page S138**

Swearing in of Senator Justice: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Jim Justice, of the State of West Virginia, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S130**

Message from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to the United States Congress with respect to the proposed rescission of Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–3) **Page S138**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 14115 of February 1, 2024, with respect to the situation in the West Bank; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–4) **Page S138**

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the text of an Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–5) **Pages S138–39**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with the United Arab Emirates on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 119–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S136**

Messages from the House:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S158.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Peter B. Hegseth, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Waltz and former Senator Coleman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 376–403; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 38–41, were introduced. **Pages H148–49**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H149–50**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kim to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H115**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H124**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 38, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H124**

Committee Ranking: The House agreed to H. Res. 39, ranking a Member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H125**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 40, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H125–26**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:26 p.m. and reconvened at 2:01 p.m. **Page H138**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, January 13th:

Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability: H.R. 153, to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 10.

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Protection of Women and Girls in Sports: The House passed H.R. 28, to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 206 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 12.

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Rejected the Adams motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Workforce by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 11. **Pages H139–40**

H. Res. 5, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 28), was agreed to on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the situation in the West Bank is to continue in effect beyond February 1, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–7).

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the rescission of Cuba's designation as a State sponsor of terrorism—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–8).

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the agreement for cooperation between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Kingdom

of Thailand concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–9).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H138, H139, and H139–40.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress, without amendment.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress. The Oversight Plan for 119th Congress was adopted, as amended.

THE NEED TO MAKE PERMANENT THE TRUMP TAX CUTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Need to Make Permanent the Trump Tax Cuts for Working Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of

Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Chris Wright, to be Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Marco A. Rubio, of Florida, to be Secretary of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Russell Vought, to be Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, to be the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH–219, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine improving wellness among seniors, focusing on setting a standard for the American Dream, 3:30 p.m., SD–106.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Stay-at-Home Federal Workforce: Another Biden-Harris Legacy”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “America Builds: the State of the Nation’s Transportation System”, 10:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, January 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 5, Laken Riley Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 33—United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act.

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