

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S159–S196

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 6, 94–105, S. Res. 27, and S. Con. Res. 5. **Pages S185–86**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the North Dakota State University Bison Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 27, congratulating the North Dakota State University Bison football team for winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. **Page S196**

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 amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S161–82**

Adopted:

By 70 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 3), Cornyn/Budd Amendment No. 14 (to Amendment No. 8), to expand the list of criminal offenses that subject inadmissible aliens to mandatory detention. **Page S181**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 4), Coons Amendment No. 23, to strike the section that authorizes State attorneys general to sue Federal immigration authorities for alleged violations relating to the detention of aliens. **Page S182**

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 S161**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, January 17, 2025. **Page S182**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at ap-

proximately 12 noon, on Thursday, January 16, 2025. **Page S196**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order in order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6) **Page S184**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022, with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–7) **Page S184**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S195–96**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—4) **Pages S181–82**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, January 16, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S196.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Johnson and Baldwin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Chris Wright, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hickenlooper and Hoeven, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Marco A. Rubio, of Florida, to be Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL), testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Russell Vought, to be Director, Office of Management and Budget, after the

nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began hearings to examine the expected nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice. The nominee, who was introduced by Senators Scott (FL) and Schmitt, testified and answered questions in her own behalf, but the Committee did not complete action thereon. Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again at 10:15 a.m., on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the expected nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, to be the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Ashcroft, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IMPROVING WELLNESS AMONG SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving wellness among seniors, focusing on setting a standard for the American Dream, after receiving testimony from Bill Prummell, Florida Sheriffs Association, Punta Gorda, Florida; Maria Alvarez, New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc., Long Island City, New York; Dawn Carr, Florida State University Claude Pepper Center, Tallahassee; and Susan L. Hughes, University of Illinois Center for Research on Health and Aging, Chicago.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 66 public bills, H.R. 404–469; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 19–20; and H. Res. 42–47, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H187

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative De La Cruz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H151

Recess: The House recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H158

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. Page H160

United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief: The House passed H.R. 33, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 15. Pages H160–68, H170

H. Res. 5, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 33), was agreed to on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Recess: The House recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. Page H168

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

Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience: H.R. 164, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize Federal agencies to provide certain essential assistance for hazard mitigation for electric utilities, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 13 and **Pages H168–69**

Tennessee Valley Authority Salary Transparency: H.R. 144, to provide that the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 does not apply to certain reports required to be submitted by the Tennessee Valley Authority, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 14. **Pages H169–70**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 42, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H170–71**

Providing for the Attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies: The House agreed to H. Res. 43, providing for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H171**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 44, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H171**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 16th. **Page H171**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan is to continue in effect beyond February 11, 2025—referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Financial Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–11). **Page H171**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of an Executive Order taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019 (Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria)—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–12). **Pages H171–72**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H168–69, H169, and H170.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules, Procedures, Authorization and Oversight Plan, and Staff Roster for the 119th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules and Oversight Plan for the 119th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules and Subcommittee Jurisdictions for the 119th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules and Subcommittee Assignments for the 119th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Stay-at-Home Federal Workforce: Another Biden-Harris Legacy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress.

AMERICA BUILDS: THE STATE OF THE NATION’S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America Builds: the State of the Nation’s Transportation System”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Landry, Governor, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Eric Scott Turner, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Doug Burgum, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Lee M. Zeldin, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Scott Bessent, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Remain in Mexico; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider an original resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States possesses the authority under current law to take immediate and necessary action to secure the southwest border of the United States, and committee rules of procedure, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the expected nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, January 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, January 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 5, Laken Riley Act. The filing deadline for first degree amendments is at 1 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 30—Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act.

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