

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-designate Ashley Moody, of Florida, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senator-designate Jon Husted, of Ohio, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S261–S282

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 154–175, S.J. Res. 3, and S. Res. 29. **Page S280**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 29, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States possesses legal authority under existing law to take immediate and necessary action to secure the southwest border of the United States, with a preamble. **Pages S281–82**

Measures Considered:

Born–Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 6, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. **Pages S261–75**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, January 22, 2025; and that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2:30 p.m. **Pages S275–76**

Swearing in of Senator Moody: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Ashley Moody, of the State of Florida, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S275**

Swearing in of Senator Husted: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Jon Husted, of the State of Ohio, and

the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Ratcliffe Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Page S276**

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 on Thursday, January 23, 2025. **Page S276**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Pages S276–77**

Hegseth Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense. **Page S277**

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 John Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Page S277**

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

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 9), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S277**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S277**

Noem Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kristi Noem, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

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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 Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense.

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Additional Statements: **Pages S277–78**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S282**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—10) **Page S277**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S282.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elise Stefanik, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Capito and Cotton, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the committee rules for the 119th Congress.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cramer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 569–598; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 25, were introduced. **Pages H256–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H258–59**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 53, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 471) to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands,

on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 5) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–1). **Page H256**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H233**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H236**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Himes, Carson, Castro (TX), Krishnamoorthi, Crow, Bera, Plaskett, Gottheimer, Gomez, Houlahan and Quigley. **Page H237**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H250**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients: H.R. 186, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 18; **Page H250**

Providing for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies: H.R. 187, amended, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 19; **Pages H238–40, H250–51**

Directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation: H.R. 207, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation; **Pages H240–42**

Providing for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota: H.R. 197, to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota; and **Pages H242–44**

Requiring that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities: H.R. 204, to require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities. **Pages H244–46**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe: H.R. 165, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; and **Pages H246–48**

Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death: H.R. 375, to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death. **Pages H248–50**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wagner wherein she resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H251**

Senate Referral: S. 5 was held at the desk. **Page H237**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page S237.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H250 and H251.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FIX OUR FORESTS ACT; LAKEN RILEY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 471, the “Fix Our Forests Act”; and S. 5, the “Laken Riley Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 471, the “Fix Our Forests Act”, and S. 5, the “Laken Riley Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 471, the “Fix Our Forests Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated

in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of S. 5, the “Laken Riley Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to commit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Huffman, McClintock, and Raskin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sean Duffy,

of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “A Decade Later: Assessing the Legacy and Impact of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unconstrained Actors: Assessing Global Cyber Threats to the Homeland”, 10:30 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Restoring Immigration Enforcement in America”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, business meeting on Amending Rule VII of the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 119th Congress, due to Subcommittee ratio changes; and approval of Subcommittee rosters, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “America Builds: Highways to Move People and Freight”, 10:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Restoring Focus: Putting Veterans First in Community Care”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, January 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 6, Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 2:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of S. 5—Laken Riley Act (Subject to a Rule).

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