

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S283–S304*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 176–198, and S. Res. 30. **Pages S302–03**

#### Measures Considered:

**Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act:** 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 S283–99**

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 11), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S295**

**Bessent Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S299**

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 Kristi Noem, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Page S299**

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. **Page S299**

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

Michael Boren, of Idaho, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

James Danly, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Paul Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

William Pulte, of Florida, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

Penny Schwinn, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Education. **Page S304**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S304**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—11) **Page S295**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S304.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Manage-

ment and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 7, 599–640; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 27–28; and H. Res. 54–56, were introduced.

Pages H297–300

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H301

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moran to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H261

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H265

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 54, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. Page H267

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**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Schweikert and Beyer. Page H267

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Page H276

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Pages H284–85

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, January 21st.

*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 re-

stricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 22. Page H285

**Laken Riley Act:** The House passed S. 5, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 263 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 23. Pages H268–76

H. Res. 53, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 471) and (S. 5) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 21, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 214 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 20. Pages H276–77

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H276, H277, H285–86.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**A DECADE LATER: ASSESSING THE LEGACY AND IMPACT OF THE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "A Decade Later: Assessing the Legacy and Impact of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress, as amended. The Committee adopted its Authorization and Oversight Plan, Member Naming Resolutions, and Resolution

Establishing the Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity, without amendment.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules, Oversight Plan, and Committee Staff List for the 119th Congress.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules and Staff Hiring Resolution for the 119th Congress.

#### UNCONSTRAINED ACTORS: ASSESSING GLOBAL CYBER THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unconstrained Actors: Assessing Global Cyber Threats to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### RESTORING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN AMERICA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Restoring Immigration Enforcement in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress, without amendment. The Committee Staff Resolution was agreed to.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules, Subcommittee Chairs, and Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 119th Congress.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a 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. The Committee adopted its Rules of the 119th Congress, as amended. The Committee adopted its Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members and Subcommittee Rosters.

#### AMERICA BUILDS: HIGHWAYS TO MOVE PEOPLE AND FREIGHT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “America Builds: Highways to Move People and Freight”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### RESTORING FOCUS: PUTTING VETERANS FIRST IN COMMUNITY CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring Focus: Putting Veterans First in Community Care”. Testimony was heard from Paul McKenna, Sergeant Major (Retired), U.S. Marine Corps; William Dooley, Master Sergeant (Retired), U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

#### MEMBER DAY HEARING ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S TAX JURISDICTION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing on Matters Within the Committee's Tax Jurisdiction”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Pennsylvania, and Representatives Baird, Barr, Barrett, Bice, Carter of Georgia, Cleaver, Clyde, Crawford, Davidson, DeLauro, Downing, Dunn of Florida, Edwards, Fedorchak, Finstad, Fong, Garbarino, Gillen, Greene of Georgia, Haridopolos, Hernández, Hinson, Houchin, Hunt, James, Kennedy of Utah, Kiggans of Virginia, Kiley of California, Kim, LaLota, Lawler, Mackenzie, Maloy, McCormick, McGovern, Meuser, Miller-Meeks, Moore of West Virginia, Moore of North Carolina, Nunn of Iowa, Owens, Pou, Radewagen, Scholten, Austin Scott of Georgia, Self, Stauber, Strong, Sykes, Timmons, Titus, Van Drew, Van Orden, and Wied.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider committee rules and procedures, subcommittee organization and jurisdiction for the 119th Congress, and the nomination of Eric Turner, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: business meeting to consider Amendment of Rule 6(b) of the Committee Rules to establish the reporting quorum, an original resolution to provide for the funding of the Committee for the 119th Congress, and the nominations of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior, and Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: business meeting to consider the nomination of Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: business meeting to consider the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 9 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled

“Strengthening American Leadership in Wireless Technology”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 231, the “Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act of 2025”; H.R. 261, the “Undersea Cable Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 331, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes; and legislation on the WaterSMART Access for Tribes Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “America Builds: Examining America’s Freight and Passenger Rail Network”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Correcting VA’s Violations of Veterans’ Due Process and Second Amendment Rights”, 1:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, January 23

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, January 23

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business.

At approximately 11 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of John Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

If cloture is invoked, there will be up to 2 hours of debate followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination of John Ratcliffe. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 471—Fix Our Forests Act.

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