

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S343–S374

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 239–255, S. Res. 35–38, and S. Con. Res. 6. **Page S371**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Membership on Certain Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 38, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S374**

Noem Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kristi Noem, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S369–70**

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

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. Ex. 16), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S369**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, January 25, 2025; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Scott Bessent at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 27, 2025; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Sean Duffy at 12:00 noon, on Tuesday, January 28, 2025; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 23, to impose sanctions with respect

to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies, ripen at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. **Page S374**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, January 25, 2025. **Page S374**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. Ex. 15), Peter Hegseth, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S368–69**

Messages from the House: **Page S370**

Measures Referred: **Page S370**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S372–74**

Additional Statements:

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S374**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—16) **Page S369**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S374.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Cramer (Chair), Fischer, Cotton, Sullivan, Mullin, Budd, Schmitt, Kelly, Blumenthal, King, Peters, Duckworth, and Slotkin.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity: Senators Rounds (Chair), Cotton, Ernst, Budd, Schmitt, Rosen, Gillibrand, Peters, and Slotkin.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Ernst (Chair), Cotton, Rounds, Cramer, Mullin,

Budd, Schmitt, Sheehy, Slotkin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Kaine, Peters, Rosen, and Kelly.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Tuberville (Chair), Ernst, Scott, Budd, Banks, Warren, Blumenthal, Hirono, and Duckworth.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Sullivan (Chair), Fischer, Cramer, Scott (FL), Schmitt, Sheehy, Hirono, Shaheen, Kaine, Warren, and Duckworth.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Scott (FL) (Chair), Sullivan, Tuberville, Mullin, Banks, Sheehy, Kaine, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Hirono, and King.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Fischer (Chair), Cotton, Rounds, Cramer, Tuberville, Banks, King, Gillibrand, Warren, Rosen, and Kelly.

Senators Wicker and Reed are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 719–739; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 30; and H. Res. 65–69, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H396

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H391

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Benny Tate, Rock Springs Church, Milner, Georgia. Page H391

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Buchanan, Chair; Representatives Smith (NE), LaHood, Dunn (FL), Fitzpatrick, Hern (OK), Tenney, Luna, Scott Franklin (FL), Steil and Kelly (PA). Page H391

United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Representatives Aderholt and Salazar. Page H391

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United

States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representatives Turner (OH), Dunn (FL), Wagner, Fitzpatrick, Guthrie, Van Duyne and Connolly.

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Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representatives McCaul, Letlow and Beatty. Pages H391–92

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Smith (NE), Gimenez and Matsui. Page H392

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Wittman. Page H392

Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Representative Miller (OH). Page H392

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to serve as Co-

Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative Smith (NJ). **Page H392**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative Smith (NE). **Page H392**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Smith (NJ), Co-Chair. **Page H392**

British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Latta. **Page H392**

Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy: Representatives Pfluger and Crank. **Page H392**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives McClain and Rutherford. **Page H392**

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives Valadao and Suozzi. **Page H392**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Womack and Bice. **Page H392**

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representatives Ellzey and Scott Franklin (FL). **Page H392**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 27 through January 31, 2025

Senate Chamber

On Monday, if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation.

On Tuesday, if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Sean Duffy, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 12:00 noon. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 23, Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: January 28, to hold hearings to examine defense innovation and acquisition reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

January 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 28, to hold hearings to examine the Panama Canal and its impact on U.S. trade and national security, focusing on fees and foreign influence, 10 a.m., SR-253.

January 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider committee rules for the 119th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: January 29, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 30, business meeting to consider 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, 10:25 a.m., SD-419.

January 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the influence of the People's Republic of China at home and abroad, focusing on recommendations for policy makers, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 30, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 29, business meeting to consider the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

January 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: January 29, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: January 28, to hold hearings to examine the VA's Community Care Program, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 28, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

January 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH-219, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging: January 29, to hold hearings to examine making Washington work for seniors, focusing on fighting to end inflation and achieve fiscal sanity, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, January 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Saturday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Kristi Noem, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Kristi Noem, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

House Chamber

Program for Saturday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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