

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S383–S399

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 257–263, S.J. Res. 7, and S. Res. 39–41. **Page S395**

Measures Passed:

National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 39, supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on February 1, 2025, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery. **Page S395**

International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 40, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland and International Holocaust Remembrance Day. **Page S395**

Blood Donation Drives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate to conduct quarterly blood donation drives during the 119th Congress. **Page S395**

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Senators Cornyn (Chairman), Grassley, Risch, and Moreno. **Page S399**

Duffy Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation. **Page S392**

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

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 20), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S391–92**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, under the order of Saturday, January 25, 2025, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 27, 2025. **Page S399**

Zeldin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S392**

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 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. **Page S392**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S392**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Burgum Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Page S392**

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 Lee Zeldin, of New York, to

be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S392**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S392**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Wright Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy. **Page S392**

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 Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Page S392**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S392**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Collins Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S392**

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 Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy. **Pages S392–93**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S392**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 19), Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S383–91, S399**

Executive Communications: **Pages S393–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S395–96**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S396–99**

Additional Statements: **Page S393**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—20) **Pages S391–92**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S399.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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.

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

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, January 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 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.

(Senate will recess following disposition of the nomination of Sean Duffy until 2 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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



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