

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S529–S566

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 353–378, S.J. Res. 10, and S. Res. 51. **Pages S543–44**

Appointments:

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–567, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Alissa M. Starzak of the District of Columbia. **Page S558**

Vought Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S535–36**

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 Eric Turner, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S535**

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 29), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S535**

Bondi Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General. **Pages S536–40**

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 31), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S536**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, February 4, 2025; that all time during morning business, recess, adjournment, and Leader remarks count post-cloture; and that at 12:15 p.m., Senate execute the order of Thursday, January 30, 2025 in relation to the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S558**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 30), Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy. **Pages S536, S566**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tristan Abbey, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Leslie Beyer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

William L. Doffermyre, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Bradley Hansell, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Michael Jensen, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Robert Kadlec, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

William Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

William Kirkland, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Matthew Lohmeier, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Earl Matthews, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Marcus Molinaro, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Matthew Napoli, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Justin Overbaugh, of Florida, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Scott Pappano, of Pennsylvania, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Luke Petit, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Anthony Tata, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Andrea Travnicek, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Devon Westhill, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S565–66**

Executive Communications: **Pages S542–43**

Petitions and Memorials: **Page S543**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S543**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S544–45**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S545–47**

Additional Statements: **Page S542**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S547**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—31) **Pages S535–36**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S558.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably the nomination of Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the poisoning of America, focusing on fentanyl, its analogues, and the need for permanent class scheduling, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

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

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 27, the “Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 4 through February 7, 2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General, post-cloture. At 12:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 5, to hold hearings to examine farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: February 6, to receive a closed briefing on the USS *Gravely* and operations in the Red Sea, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 5, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the real impacts of debanking in America, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 5, business meeting to consider S. 93, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, S. 98, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding, S. 99, to require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, S. 161, to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules relating to the testing procedures used under the New Car Assessment Program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, S. 195, to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, S. 216, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program

of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 245, to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a working group on cyber insurance, to require dissemination of informative resources for issuers and customers of cyber insurance, S. 246, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 257, to improve the resilience of critical supply chains, S. 258, to improve forecasting and understanding of tornadoes and other hazardous weather, S. 260, to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, S. 278, to prohibit users who are under age 13 from accessing social media platforms, to prohibit the use of personalized recommendation systems on individuals under age 17, and limit the use of social media in schools, S. 281, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, to prohibit speculative ticketing, S. 283, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, S. 306, to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and wildfire smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, S. 314, to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, S. 315, to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles, and the nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 5, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, S. 347, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize brownfields revitalization funding, and S. 351, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to collect and disseminate data on recycling and composting programs in the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 4, business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 6, Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules for the 119th Congress, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, designation of subcommittees for the 119th Congress, designation of

members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation, and designation of members to serve as Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, 9:50 a.m., SD–215.

February 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 5, organizational business meeting to consider selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman, committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 4, to hold hearings to examine the poisoning of America, focusing on fentanyl, its analogues, and the need for permanent class scheduling, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

February 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, committee rules for the 119th Congress, designation of subcommittees for the 119th Congress, and the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 5, business meeting to consider S. 68, to prohibit the suspension of collections on loans made to small businesses related to COVID–19, S. 273, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, S. 298, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to headquarters to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, S. 300, to improve accountability in the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, committee rules, and the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 11:15 a.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 4, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., S–216, Capitol.

February 4, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

February 5, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Education and Workforce, February 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of American Education”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 5, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Powering America’s Future: Unleashing American Energy”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 6, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Combatting Existing and Emerging Illicit Drug Threats”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Make Community Banking Great Again”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Operation Choke Point 2.0: The Biden Administration’s Efforts to Put Crypto into the Crosshairs”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Preparing the Pipeline: Examining the State of America’s Cyber Workforce”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 6, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled “California Fires and the Consequences of Overregulation”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 5, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 410, the “Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension Act of 2025”; H.R. 412, to authorize the Bay Mills Indian Community of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; H.R. 504, the “Miccousukee Reserved Area Amendments Act”; and H.R. 741, the “Stronger Engagement for Indian Health Needs Act of 2025”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Now Ore Never: The Importance of Domestic Mining for U.S. National Security”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, February 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rightsizing Government”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

February 6, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “Transgender Lab Rats and Poisoned Puppies: Oversight of Taxpayer Funded Animal Cruelty”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 5, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of U.S. Science and Technology: Ensuring U.S. Global Leadership”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hope on the Horizon: Prioritizing Small Business Growth in the 119th Congress”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 5, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “America Builds: Maritime Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 6, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, February 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “VA First, Veteran Second: The Biden-Harris Legacy”, 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 6, Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, hearing entitled “Time’s Running out: Prosecuting Fraudsters for Stealing

Billions of Unemployment Benefits from American Workers”, 2 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 7, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 2025

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	20	15	..
Time in session	113 hrs., 23'	45 hrs., 15'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	527	435	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	81	..
Public bills enacted into law	3	..	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	34	45	79
Senate bills	1	1	..
House bills .....	..	20	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	3	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	30	20	..
Measures reported, total	*1	1	2
Senate bills .....	..	..	..
House bills .....	..	..	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	1	1	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	4	..	..
Measures introduced, total	400	1,017	1,417
Bills	335	888	..
Joint resolutions	9	32	..
Concurrent resolutions	6	7	..
Simple resolutions	50	90	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	28	25	..
Recorded votes .....	..	1	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Veto overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through January 31, 2025

Civilian nominees, totaling 86, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	8
Unconfirmed	75
Withdrawn	3
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1
Air Force nominees, totaling 1, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1
Army nominees, totaling 4, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	4
Navy nominees, totaling 1, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 3, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	3
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	96
Total confirmed	8
Total unconfirmed	85
Total withdrawn	3
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 0 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 1 report has been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Tuesday, February 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General, post-cloture. At 12:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(Senate will recess following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Douglas Collins until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.



Congressional Record

printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed one time. ¶Public access to the *Congressional Record* is available online through the U.S. Government Publishing Office, at www.govinfo.gov, free of charge to the user. The information is updated online each day the *Congressional Record* is published. For more information, contact the GPO Customer Contact Center, U.S. Government Publishing Office. Phone 202-512-1800, or 866-512-1800 (toll-free). E-Mail, contactcenter@gpo.gov. ¶To place an order for any of these products, visit the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at: bookstore.gpo.gov. Mail orders to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000, or phone orders to 866-512-1800 (toll-free), 202-512-1800 (D.C. area), or fax to 202-512-2104. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or GPO Deposit Account. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily *Congressional Record* is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the *Congressional Record*.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Superintendent of Documents, *Congressional Record*, U.S. Government Publishing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, along with the entire mailing label from the last issue received.

The *Congressional Record* (USPS 087-390). The Periodicals postage is paid at Washington, D.C. The public proceedings of each House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters thereof, are