

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Eric Turner, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S601–S674

Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 402–438, S.J. Res. 14–15, and S. Res. 57–61. **Pages S666–67**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 57, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. Res. 58, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 60, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 347, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize brownfields revitalization funding.

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. **Pages S665–66**

Vought Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S606, S606–61**

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S606**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 35), Eric Turner, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S601–06**

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S606**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—36) **Pages S605–06**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and continued in evening session.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 57) authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 119th Congress.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Derivatives, Risk Management, and Trade: Senators Hyde-Smith (Chair), Grassley, Moran, McConnell, Tuberville, Thune, Booker, Durbin, Schiff, Fetterman, and Slotkin.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Credit: Senators Ernst (Chair), Tuberville, Grassley, Fischer, Moran, McConnell, Welch, Smith, Bennet, Warnock, and Luján.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology: Senators Marshall (Chair),

Justice, Hoeven, Thune, Ernst, Hyde-Smith, Bennet, Lujan, Warnock, Welch, and Schiff.

Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research: Senators McConnell (Chair), Marshall, Hoeven, Tuberville, Justice, Grassley, Lujan, Warnock, Fetterman, Smith, and Booker.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, and Food Safety: Senators Hoeven (Chair), Thune, Fischer, Ernst, Hyde-Smith, Justice, Slotkin, Welch, Smith, Durbin, and Booker.

Senators Boozman and Klobuchar are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy, after receiving testimony from Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation, Greene County, Georgia; Rob Larew, National Farmers Union, Greenville, West Virginia; Nathan Reed, National Cotton Council, Marianna, Arkansas; Kenneth Hartman, Jr., National Corn Growers Association, Waterloo, Illinois; Keeff Felty, National Association of Wheat Growers, Atuls, Oklahoma; Chris Engelstad, National Barley Growers Association, Fertile, Minnesota; Amy France, National Sorghum Producers, Scott City, Kansas; Josh Gackle, American Soybean Association, Kulm, North Dakota; Garrett Kevin Moore, United States Peanut Federation, Chancellor, Alabama; Tim Deal, American Sugar Alliance, Doran, Minnesota; and Jennifer James, USA Rice, Newport, Arkansas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 58) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 119th Congress.

DEBANKING IN AMERICA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the real impacts of debanking in America, after receiving testimony from Nathan McCauley, Anchorage Digital, San Francisco, California; Stephen T. Gannon, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Los Angeles, California; Mike Ring, Old Glory Bank, Elmore City, Oklahoma; and Aaron Klein, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

S. 258, to improve forecasting and understanding of tornadoes and other hazardous weather, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee adopted its rules for the 119th Congress, and ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 347, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize brownfields revitalization funding;

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; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 59) authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 60) authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, adopted committee rules for the 119th Congress, and selected Senator Murkowski as Chair and Senator Schatz as Vice Chair.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 68, to prohibit the suspension of collections on loans made to small businesses related to COVID-19, with an amendment;

S. 273, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration;

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress; and

The nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 62 public bills, H.R. 977–1038; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 36; and H. Res. 107–116, were introduced. **Pages H501–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H506–07**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H463**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H467**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 107, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H469**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 108, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H469**

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Strategic

Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Representatives Krishnamoorthi, Castor (FL), Carson, Moulton, Khanna, Sherrill, Stevens, Torres (NY), Brown, Stanton, and Tokuda. **Page H469**

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

Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2025: H.R. 836, to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS); and **Pages H478–80**

Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona: H.R. 837, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona. **Pages H480–81**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4:18 p.m. **Page H481**

Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 93, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 27) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 31, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 30. **Pages H469–78, H482–83**

Presidential Message: Received a message from the President transmitting a notification of the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond February 10, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–17). **Page H469**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H482 and H482–83.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE STATE OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of American Education”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POWERING AMERICA’S FUTURE: UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Powering America’s Future: Unleashing American Energy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MAKE COMMUNITY BANKING GREAT AGAIN

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Make Community Banking Great Again”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREPARING THE PIPELINE: EXAMINING THE STATE OF AMERICA’S CYBER WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preparing the Pipeline: Examining the State of America’s Cyber Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a 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 “Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act”; and H.R. 741, the “Stronger Engagement for Indian Health Needs Act of 2025”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Begich, Gimenez, and Stanton; and public witnesses.

RIGHTSIZING GOVERNMENT

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rightsizing Government”. Testimony was heard from Kim K. Reynolds, Governor, Iowa; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress and approved its Authorization and Oversight Plan.

THE STATE OF U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: ENSURING U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of U.S. Science and Technology: Ensuring U.S. Global Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOPE ON THE HORIZON: PRIORITIZING SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH IN THE 119TH CONGRESS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hope on the Horizon: Prioritizing Small Business Growth in the 119th Congress”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICA BUILDS: MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “America Builds: Maritime Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: 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.

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 the Judiciary: 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.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Combating Existing and Emerging Illicit Drug Threats”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, 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 the Judiciary, 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, 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, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, 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, 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.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

Thursday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 6

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 27—Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act.

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