

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S805–S822

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 492–504, and S. Res. 68. **Page S819**

Measures Reported:

S. 68, to prohibit the suspension of collections on loans made to small businesses related to COVID–19, with amendments.

S. 273, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment. **Pages S818–19**

Announcement from the Chair:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Crapo, Grassley, Cornyn, Wyden, and Cantwell. **Page S821**

Gabbard Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence. **Pages S805–14**

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 49), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S811–12**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2025; and that all time during morning business, recess, adjournment and Leader remarks count post-cloture. **Pages S821–22**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S820–21**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—49) **Page S812**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S821–22.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 1152–1179; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 10; and H. Res. 123–124, were introduced. **Pages H612–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H614–15**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 122, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 77) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–3). **Page H612**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H587**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H591**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: David Trone of Potomac, Maryland. **Page H593**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H593**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H605**

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

Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act: H.R. 224, to amend section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require the exclusion of service-connected disability compensation when determining whether a person is a person of low and moderate income, a person of low income, or a person of moderate income; **Pages H593–95**

Chinese Currency Accountability Act of 2025: H.R. 386, to require the United States Governor of, and the United States Executive Director at, the International Monetary Fund to oppose an increase in the weight of the Chinese renminbi in the Special Drawing Rights basket of the Fund; **Pages H595–96**

China Exchange Rate Transparency Act: H.R. 692, amended, to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 36; **Pages H596–99, H605**

Protect Small Businesses from Excessive Paperwork Act of 2025: H.R. 736, to amend title 31, United States Code, to modify the deadline for filing beneficial ownership information reports for reporting companies formed or registered before January 1, 2024, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 37; **Pages H599–H601, H606**

Credit Union Board Modernization Act: H.R. 975, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings; and **Pages H601–03**

Housing Unboused Disabled Veterans Act: H.R. 965, to amend section 3(b)(4) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exclude certain disability

benefits from income for the purposes of determining eligibility for the supported housing program under section 8(o)(19). **Pages H603–05**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H605 and H606.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MIDNIGHT RULES RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 77, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–2, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 77, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cline and Raskin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, and subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 11:30 a.m., SD–215.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Economic Crisis in Farm Country”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Mexico’s Water Treaty Violations and the Impact on Americans”, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “A Golden Age of Digital Assets: Charting a Path Forward”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Examining the PRC’s Strategic Port Investments in the Western Hemisphere and the Implications for Homeland Security, Part I”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Part 1: Committee Funding for the 119th Congress”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled “Reining in the Administrative State: Regulatory and Administrative Law Reform”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Restoring Multiple Use to Revitalize America’s Public Lands and Rural Communities”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled “Examining the Growth of the Welfare State, Part I”, 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “America Builds: Clean Water Act Permitting and Project Delivery”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Barriers: Making VBA Education Services Work for Veterans and not the Bureaucracy”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “IRS Return on Investment and the Need for Modernization”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Modernizing American Health Care: Creating Healthy Options and Better Incentives”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 11 through February 14, 2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence, post-cloture.

Absent an agreement and if all time is used, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Tulsi Gabbard, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 11, to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Budget: February 12, business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2025, 10 a.m., SH–216.

February 13, Full Committee, business meeting to continue to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2025, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the Arctic and Greenland’s geostrategic importance to U.S. interests, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 11, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, and subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 12, to hold hearings to examine advancing carbon capture, utilization and sequestration technologies and ensuring effective implementation of the USE IT Act, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: February 11, business meeting to consider the nomination of Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 11:30 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 13, to hold hearings to examine navigating Syria policy after Assad, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 13, business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress; to be immediately followed by

a hearing to examine eliminating waste by the foreign aid bureaucracy, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Native communities' priorities for the 119th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 12, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

February 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 12, business meeting to consider 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, S. 371, to require certain reports on small business disaster assistance to be published on the website of the Small Business Administration, and committee rules for the 119th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 11, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 12, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 12, to hold hearings to examine optimizing longevity from research to action, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Career Ready Students: Innovations from Community Colleges and the Private Sector", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting American Interests in a Convergent Global Threat Environment", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, February 12, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1048, the "DETERRENT Act"; H.R. 649, the "Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025"; H.R. 1069, the "PROTECT Our Kids Act"; H.R. 1005, the "CLASS Act"; and H.R. 1049, the "Transparency in Reporting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "AI in Manufacturing: Securing American Leadership in Manufacturing and the Next Generation of Technologies", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Federal Reserve's Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The USAID Betrayal", 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, February 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Part 2: Committee Funding for the 119th Congress", 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Censorship-Industrial Complex", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 12, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 231, the "Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act of 2025"; H.R. 249, to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.; H.R. 302, the "Water Rights 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; H.R. 618, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the City of North Las Vegas and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes; H.R. 1001, to provide for a memorandum of understanding to address the impacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund; H.R. 1044, to amend Public Law 99-338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits; H.R. 1110, the "Grazing for Wildfire Risk Reduction Act"; and the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Leaving Indian Children Behind: Reviewing the State of BIE Schools", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 12, Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, hearing entitled "The War on Waste: Stamping Out the Scourge of Improper Payments and Fraud", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 12, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "From Transformative Science to Technological Breakthroughs: DOE's National Laboratories", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Driving Economic Growth: SBA Lending Programs and the Vital Role of Community Banks", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 12, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled "America Builds: A Review of Programs to Address Roadway Safety", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 12, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Roles and Responsibilities: Evaluating VA Community Care", 2:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 12, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1155, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to elect to receive certain replacement refunds electronically; H.R. 997, the "National Taxpayer Advocate Enhancement Act of 2025"; H.R. 998, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and

clerical error notices; H.R. 1152, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the application of the mailbox rule to documents and payments electronically submitted to the Internal Revenue Service; and

H.R. 1156, to amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 11

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(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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