

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S957–S991

Measures Introduced: Forty-seven bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 558–604, S.J. Res. 18–19, S. Res. 77–81, and S. Con. Res. 7.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 77, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 78, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

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Measures Passed:

TAKE IT DOWN Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 146, to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S988–90**

Honoring the Victims of the Attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School: Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, honoring the memories of the victims of the senseless attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. **Page S990**

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, expressing gratitude to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, the Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms, the Secretary of the Senate, law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, and

volunteers for their support in making the Presidential Inauguration a success. **Page S990**

Washington's Farewell Address—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, following the prayer and pledge, Senator Wicker be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address, as provided under the order of Tuesday, February 11, 2025; that following his remarks, Senate be in a period of morning business for debate only until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; and that at 5:30 p.m., the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S990**

Lutnick Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S962–66**

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 54), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S966**

Loeffler Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Pages S966–67**

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S966–67**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 52), Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S957–62, S991**

By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 53), Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2025, the motion to invoke cloture on confirmation of the nomination was withdrawn.) **Pages S962, S991**

Messages from the House: **Page S970**

Measures Referred: **Page S970**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S969–70**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S988**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—55) **Pages S962, S966–67**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:41 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S990.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from General Gregory M. Guillot, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Admiral Alvin Holsey, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 78) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 119th Congress.

SYRIA AFTER ASSAD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine navigating Syria policy after Assad, after receiving testimony from Michael Singh, and Dana Stroul, both of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 77) authorizing expenditures by the committee.

ELIMINATING WASTE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating waste by the foreign aid bureaucracy, after receiving testimony from Michael Shellenberger, Public, Albany, California; and William Ruger, American Institute for Economic Research, Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Scott (SC) and Britt, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 86 public bills, H.R. 1276–1361; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; H. Con. Res. 12; and H. Res. 129–136, were introduced. **Pages H705–10**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H712**

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 H681**