

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Wicker delivered Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S995–S1014

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills were introduced, as follows: S. 605–625 **Page S1009**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate began consideration of 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S1006–08**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1006**

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the concurrent resolution. **Pages S1006–07**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 19, 2025; that at 12 noon, Senate execute the order of Thursday, February 13, 2025, in relation to the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration; and that all time during recess and adjournment count equally toward the concurrent resolution. **Page S1011**

Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Wicker performed the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address. **Pages S995–S1000**

Terminating the National Emergency Declared With Respect to Energy—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation

with the Democratic Leader, but no later than Friday, February 28, 2025, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 10, terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy, and Senate proceed to its consideration; provided further that there be 6 hours for debate only with the time equally divided between the Leaders, on their designees, on the joint resolution; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the joint resolution, with no further intervening action or debate. **Page S1008**

Patel Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice. **Page S1006**

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 on Thursday, February 20, 2025. **Page S1006**

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

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 56), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1006**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 57), Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Page S1006**

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Additional Statements: **Page S1009**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1011**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—58) **Pages S1006–07**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1011.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 1397–1444; 1 private bill, H.R. 1445; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 142–143, were introduced. **Pages H721–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H724**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 14, establishing 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 (H. Rept. 119–4). **Page H721**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moore (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H717**

Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Arrington, Estes, Smucker, Malliotakis, Spartz, Moore (WI), Casten and Min. **Page H717**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to receive a closed briefing on the F-15E United States Central Command Operations, 4:15 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine spectrum auction delays, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting processes, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine children's safety in the digital era, focusing on strengthening protections and addressing legal gaps, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

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

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 19 through February 21, 2025

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 7, Budget Resolution. At 12:00

noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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 19, Subcommittee on Airland, to receive a closed briefing on the F-15E United States Central Command Operations, 4:15 p.m., SVC-217.

February 20, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the USS *Gravelly* and operations in the Red Sea, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 19, business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 119th Congress, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine spectrum auction delays, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

February 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 20, to hold hearings to examine research security risks posed by foreign nationals from countries of risk working at the Department of Energy's National Laboratories and necessary mitigation steps, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 19, to hold hearings to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting processes, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-562.

February 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, and other pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Troy Edgar, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 19, to hold hearings to examine children's safety in the digital era, focusing on strengthening protections and addressing legal gaps, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

February 20, 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 nominations of Todd Blanche, of Florida, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Abigail Slater, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 19, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 19, 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.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3:30 p.m., Friday, February 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 7, Budget Resolution. At 12:00 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m.

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