

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1015–S1060

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 626–642, and S. Res. 82–85. **Page S1040**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 82, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S1040**

Measures Passed:

Iwo Jima 80th Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 53, recognizing the 80th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1037**

Providing for a Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S1038**

Congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles on their victory in Super Bowl LIX in the successful 105th season of the National Football League. **Page S1038**

Congratulating the Jackson State University Tigers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 85, congratulating the Jackson State University Tigers for winning the 2024 Celebration Bowl. **Page S1038**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued 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. **Pages S1015–19**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 20, 2025; and that all time during adjournment count equally towards the concurrent resolution. **Page S1053**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 59), Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Pages S1019, S1060**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1040–41**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1041–43**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1039–40**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1043–53**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1053**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—59) **Page S1019**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1053.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

F–15E U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland received a closed briefing on the F–15E United States Central Command Operations from Major General Akshai M. Gandhi, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters United States Air Force, Major General Benjamin R. Maitre, USAF, Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel Kevin

Murphy, USAF, Commander, 335th Fighter Squadron, Mission Flight Lead, Lieutenant Colonel Brian Leitzke, USAF, Director of Operations, 335th Fighter Squadron, Mission Wingman, and Major George Welton, USAF, Weapons Officer, 335th Fighter Squadron, Deputy Mission Commander and Mission Planning Cell Chief, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 82) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 119th Congress.

SPECTRUM AUCTION DELAYS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine spectrum auction delays, after receiving testimony from Thomas Hazlett, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; Charles P. Baylis, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; and Matthew Pearl, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Bryan Clark, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESSES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting processes, after receiving testimony from Jeremy Harrell, ClearPath, Inc., and Brent Booker, Laborers' International Union of North America, both of Washington, D.C.; Leah Pilconis, The Associated General Contractors of America, Arlington, Virginia; Carl Harris, National Association of Home Builders, Wichita, Kansas; and Nicole Pavia, Clean Air Task Force, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Mullin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY IN THE DIGITAL ERA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine children's safety in the digital era, focusing on strengthening protections and addressing legal gaps, after receiving testimony from South Carolina Representative Brandon Guffey, Rock Hill; Carrie Goldberg, C.A. Goldberg, PLLC, New York, New York; Mary Graw Leary, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and Stephen Balkam, Family Online Safety Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and John Pizzuro, Raven, Irving, Texas.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 pm on Friday, February 21, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the USS *Gravely* and operations in the Red Sea, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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: to hold hearings to examine research security risks posed by foreign nationals from countries of risk working at the Depart-

ment of Energy's National Laboratories and necessary mitigation steps, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: 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.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 7, Budget Resolution.

At 11 a.m., Senators should expect a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Additional roll call votes are possible during Thursday's session.

House Chamber

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



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