

deliver floor remarks, retrieve, review, and edit documents, and send email and other data communications from text displayed on wireless personal assistant devices and tablet devices; provided further that the use of calculators be permitted on the floor during consideration of the concurrent resolution; that the staff be permitted to make technical and conforming changes to the concurrent resolution, if necessary, consistent with amendments adopted during Senate consideration, including calculating the associated change in the net interest function and incorporating the effect of such adopted amendments on the budgetary aggregates for Federal revenue, the amount by which the Federal revenue should be changes, new budget authority, budget outlays, deficits, public debt, and debt held by the public; and that there be two minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote during consideration of the concurrent resolution. **Pages S1090–91**

Driscoll Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, February 21, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2025. **Page S1125**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1125**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Daniel Driscoll, and Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2025.

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Greer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S1125**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army. **Page S1125**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1125**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1125**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 61), Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years.

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 60), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1064**

Measures Discharged: **Page S1126**

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Record Votes: Twenty-eight record votes were taken today. (Total—87)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 20, 2025, and adjourned at 4:51 a.m., on Friday, February 21, 2025, until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1303.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USS GRAVELY AND RED SEA OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the USS Gravelly and operations in the Red Sea from Rear Admiral D. Wilson Marks, USN, Commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center, and Rear Admiral Thomas J. Dickinson, USN, Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RESEARCH SECURITY RISKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Dabbar, Columbia University Center on Global Energy, Scarsdale, New York; Geraldine Richmond, University of Oregon, Eugene; and Anna B. Puglisi, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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, with an amendment; and

S. 300, to improve accountability in the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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 FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.