

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1305–S1316*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 683–699, and S. Res. 90–92. **Pages S1311–12**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 90, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Page S1311**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, designating February 16, 2025, as “National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day”. **Page S1316**

**Driscoll Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army. **Pages S1305–08**

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

By 66 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 88), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1307–08**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all time be expired on the nominations of Daniel Driscoll, and Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, no earlier than Tuesday, February 25, 2025, with respect to the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, and Wednesday, February 26, 2025, with respect to the nomination of Jamieson Greer. **Page S1307**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 25, 2025; that at 11:15 a.m., Senate execute the order of Monday, February 24, 2025 with respect to the nomination of Daniel Driscoll; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate resume Legislative Session and the Majority Leader be recognized; and that if a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional

disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to “Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources”, is made, and that motion is agreed to, all time during recess count equally between proponents and opponents. **Page S1316**

**Greer Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S1308**

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

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 89), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1308**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1310**

**Measures Discharged:** **Page S1310**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1310–11**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1312–13**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S1313–16**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S1310**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—89) **Page S1308**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1316.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress:

**Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation:** Senators Moran (Chair), Thune, Budd, Schmitt, Sheehy, Capito, Duckworth, Rosen, Hickenlooper, Fetterman, and Kim.



*Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Media:* Senators Fischer (Chair), Thune, Wicker, Moran, Sullivan, Blackburn, Young, Budd, Schmitt, Curtis, Moreno, Sheehy, Capito, Lummis, Luján, Klobuchar, Schatz, Markey, Peters, Baldwin, Duckworth, Rosen, Hickenlooper, Fetterman, Kim, and Blunt Rochester.

*Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy:* Senators Blackburn (Chair), Thune, Fischer, Moran, Young, Curtis, Capito, Lummis, Hickenlooper, Klobuchar, Schatz, Markey, Baldwin, Luján, and Blunt Rochester.

*Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime, and Fisheries:* Senators Sullivan (Chair), Wicker, Curtis, Moreno,

Sheehy, Blunt Rochester, Schatz, Peters, and Baldwin.

*Subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness:* Senators Budd (Chair), Blackburn, Young, Schmitt, Moreno, Lummis, Baldwin, Peters, Rosen, Hickenlooper, and Blunt Rochester.

*Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety:* Senators Young (Chair), Thune, Wicker, Fischer, Sullivan, Schmitt, Moreno, Capito, Peters, Klobuchar, Schatz, Markey, Duckworth, Luján, and Kim.

*Senators Cruz and Cantwell are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 36 public bills, H.R. 1514–1549; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 15; and H. Res. 152–160 were introduced. **Pages H766–69**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H770**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Begich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H733**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H736**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H737**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H748**

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

***Assisting Small Businesses Not Fraudsters Act:*** H.R. 825, to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 43; **Pages H737–39, H748**

***Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2025:*** H.R. 832, to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 44;

**Pages H739–40, H749**

***Small Business Procurement and Utilization Reform Act of 2025:*** H.R. 818, to amend the Small

Business Act to include requirements relating to new small business entrants in the scorecard program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 384 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 45; **Pages H740–42, H749–50**

***Investing in Main Street Act of 2025:*** H.R. 754, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that may be invested in small business investment companies; and

**Pages H743–45**

***Successful Entrepreneurship for Reservists and Veterans Act:*** H.R. 828, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report on the veterans interagency task force, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on access to credit for small business concerns owned and controlled by covered individuals. **Pages H746–48**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

***DOE and SBA Research Act:*** H.R. 788, to provide for Department of Energy and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities; and **Pages H742–43**

***Rural Small Business Resilience Act:*** H.R. 804, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve access to disaster assistance for individuals located in rural areas.

**Pages H745–46**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H748, H749, and H749–50.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



## *Committee Meetings*

### **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; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATING TO WASTE EMISSIONS CHARGE**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on 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.J. Res. 20, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters”; and H.J. Res. 35, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 20, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters”, H.J. Res. 35, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions”, and 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. The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 20, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that

the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 35, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of 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, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides three hours of debate with two hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget or their respective designees and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Schweikert of Arizona and Representative Beyer of Virginia or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the concurrent resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule permits the chair of the Committee on the Budget to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. Finally, the rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Arrington, Chairman Guthrie, and Representatives Boyle of Pennsylvania, Tonko, Scott of Virginia, and Kaptur.



## FROM RESET TO ROLLOUT: CAN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM PROGRAM FINALLY DELIVER?

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled "From Reset to Rollout: Can the VA EHRM Program Finally Deliver?". Testimony was heard from Neil Evans, M.D., Acting Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Case, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol Harris, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Feinberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 4 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, an original resolution entitled, "Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution", and adoption of committee rules of procedure for the 119th Congress, 2 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs: AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Blinded Veterans Association, Veterans Education Success, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., and Reserve Organization of America, 10 a.m., 390-CHOB.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 1", 9:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "The State of the Civil Works Program", 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 1", 1:30 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Member Day", 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining Policies to Counter China", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee, hearing entitled "Missed Milestones: Evaluating The Last Four Years in the EAP Region and Unseized Opportunities Under President Trump", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee's Oversight and Authorization Plan, 12 p.m., 1309 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Entering the Golden Age: Ending the Weaponization of the Justice Department", 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled "'Subject to the Jurisdiction Thereof: Birthright Citizenship and the Fourteenth Amendment", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Entering the Golden Age: Ending the Weaponization of the Justice Department", 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Full Blast: Contrasting Momentum in the Space Mining Economy to the Terrestrial Mining Regulatory Morass", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled "Federal Indian Trust Asset Management: Progress Made But Improvement Needed", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Emerging Global Threats: Putting America's National Security First", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, 12:45 p.m., HVC-210.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Government Accountability Office's 2025 High Risk List", 1 p.m., HVC-210.



*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Promoting and Improving Safety and Efficient Pipeline Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 472, the “Restore VA Accountability Act of 2025”; H.R. 1041, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system; H.R. 740, the “Veterans’ ACCESS Act of 2025”; and legislation on the Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act of 2025, 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Hearing on American Trade Enforcement Priorities”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meeting

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs: AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Blinded Veterans Association, Veterans Education Success, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., and Reserve Organization of America, 10 a.m., 390-CHOB.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 25 through February 28, 2025

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army, post-cloture, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 11:15 a.m. Following which, Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to “Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources”, at approximately 12 noon.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: February 26, to hold hearings to examine perspectives from the field, focusing on farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Armed Services*: February 25, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Feinberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 4 p.m., SVC-217.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 27, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on global nuclear and missile threats, 11:45 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: February 26, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, to hold hearings to examine bipartisan legislative frameworks for digital assets, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Miran, of New York, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, William Pulte, of Florida, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: February 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine interdicting illicit drug trafficking, focusing on a view from the front lines, 11 a.m., SR-253.

February 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 27, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety, to hold hearings to examine cargo theft, focusing on the threat to consumers and the U.S. supply chain, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: February 26, to hold hearings to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act implementation and case studies, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: February 27, business meeting to consider the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Keith Sonderling, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: February 25, 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

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Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 26, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

February 27, 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, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* February 25, business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, an original resolution entitled, "Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution", and adoption of committee rules of procedure for the 119th Congress, 2 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* February 26, to hold hearings to examine managing risk for the long-term in the 7(a) loan program, focusing on hearing from lenders, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* February 25, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs: AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Blinded Veterans Association, Veterans Education Success, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., and Reserve Organization of America, 10 a.m., 390-CHOB.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion and multi VSOs: Minority Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A, National Association of County Veterans Services Officers, Military Officers Association of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, and Wounded Warrior Project, 10 a.m., 390-CHOB.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 25, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 26, Full Committee, 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.

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 26, to hold hearings to examine combating the opioid epidemic, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 26, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 2", 9:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Federal Investments in Elementary Education", 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian

and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 2", 1:30 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 3", 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Strengthening America's Defense Industrial Base, Workforce, and Production Lines to Deter War", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled "The Role of Special Operations in Great Power Competition", 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce,* February 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Unleashing America's Workforce and Strengthening Our Economy", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* February 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "An Examination of How Reining in PBMs Will Drive Competition and Lower Costs for Patients", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Energy and Environment Spending Push", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* February 26, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "The Future of American Capital: Strengthening Public and Private Markets by Increasing Investor Access and Facilitating Capital Formation", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* February 26, Full Committee, markup on the Committee's Oversight Plan; H.R. 1000, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for education and training programs and resources of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; H. Res. 113, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities related to the security of Department information and data and the recruitment and retention of its workforce; and H. Res. 114, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities related to domestic preparedness and collective response to terrorism and the Department's cybersecurity activities, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* February 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 875, the "Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act"; H.R. 176, the "No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act"; H.R. 1071, the "No Censors on our Shores Act"; and the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled "Protecting



Victims of Human Trafficking and Online Exploitation”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, February 26, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Implementation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, February 26, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Leading the Charge: Opportunities to Strengthen America’s Energy Reliability”, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, hearing entitled “America Last: How Foreign Aid Undermined U.S. Interests Around the World”, 11 a.m., 210 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, February 26, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Step by Step: The Artemis Program and NASA’s Path To Human Exploration of the Moon, Mars, and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, February 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fostering American Innovation: Insights into SBIR and STTR Programs”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, February 26, Full Committee, markup on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan; H.R. 1182, the “Compressed Gas Cylinder Safety and Oversight Improvements Act of 2025”; H. Con. Res. 9, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H.R. 501, the “Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2025”; H.R. 744, the “Disaster Management

Costs Modernization Act”; and H.R. 1382, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to San Francisco Bay restoration, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, February 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1491, the “Disaster Related Extension of Deadlines Act”; H.R. 517, the “Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act”; H.J. Res. 25, disapproving the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service related to “Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 25

## Senate Chamber

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*(Following the vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 11, Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Measures considered under suspension of the Rules.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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