

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1361–S1412

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 735–761, and S. Res. 98–100. **Pages S1396–97**

Measures Passed:

Black History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 99, celebrating Black History Month. **Page S1391**

Measures Failed:

Energy National Emergency Declaration: By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 95), Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 10, terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy, after Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration.

Pages S1364–67, S1367–83, S1383–90

Measures Considered:

Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 12, 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”. **Pages S1390–91**

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 96), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S1390–91**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2025; that at 12 noon, all time be expired, and if the Senate receives H.J. Res. 35, Senate vote on passage of the House joint resolution, as provided

under the CRA; and that upon disposition of the joint resolution, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, and that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1402**

Appointments:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a correction to an appointment made on February 25, 2025, be printed in the *Record*:

British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 119th Congress: Senator Whitehouse. **Page S1391**

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114(b)(2)(c), the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a six-year term: Thomas Daffron of Maine. **Page S1391**

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Senators Whitehouse (Vice Chairman), Blumenthal, and Luján. **Page S1391**

Vote Change—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Bennet be permitted to change his vote on Roll Call

Vote No. 89 from yea to nay, since it will not affect the outcome. **Page S1383**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 94), Jamieson Greer, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Messages from the House: **Page S1396**

Measures Referred: **Page S1396**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1397–98**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1402**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1402**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—96) **Pages S1367, S1390, S1390–91**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1402.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives from the field, focusing on farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy, after receiving testimony from Tim Boring, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Stockbridge; Bret Erickson, J and D Produce Inc., Edinburg, Texas, on behalf of the International Fresh Produce Association; Jeremy Hinton, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Hodgenville, on behalf of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation; Anna Murphree Rhinewalt, Sandy Ridge Farms, Inc., Senatobia, Mississippi, on behalf of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation and the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council; and Benjamin Etcheverry, New Mexico Chile Association, Deming.

DIGITAL ASSETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Digital Assets concluded a hearing to examine bipartisan legislative frameworks for digital assets, after receiving testimony from Lewis Rinaudo Cohen, Cahill Gordon and Reindel LLP, Washington, D.C.; Jonathan Jachym, Kraken, San Francisco, California; Jai Massari, Lightspark, West

Hollywood, California; and Timothy G. Massad, Harvard Kennedy School Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine interdicting illicit drug trafficking, focusing on a view from the front lines, after receiving testimony from Shannon Kelly, Assistant Director Office of Homeland Interdiction and Supply Disruption, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Rear Admiral Adam A. Chamie, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Jonathan P. Miller, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Air and Marine Operations, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Kevin Hall, Spokane Police Department, Spokane, Washington; and Jena Ehlinger, Texas.

IJA IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act implementation and case studies, after receiving testimony from Russell R. McMurry, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Gary Johnson, Granite Construction Inc., Cedar Park, Texas; and Michael A. Carroll, Philadelphia Office of Transportation and Infrastructure, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dean Sauer, of Missouri, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Harmeet Dhillon, of California, and Aaron Reitz, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

7(A) LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine managing risk for the long-term in the 7(a) loan program, focusing on hearing from lenders, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Fitzgibbon, First National Bank, West Des Moines, Iowa; Raymond Lanza-Weil, Common Capital, Inc., Springfield, Massachusetts; Itzel Sims, First Security Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Mayrena Guerrero, Colorful Resilience LLC, West Springfield, Massachusetts.