

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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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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 119th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating the opioid epidemic, after receiving testimony from Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Sanford, Florida; Greg Duckworth, Raleigh County Commissioner, Beckley, West Virginia; Malik Burnett, American Society of Addiction Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; and Bradley D. Stein, RAND, and Elizabeth Mateer, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 1588–1642; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62; and H. Res. 166–167, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

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

Directing the Joint Committee on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the Capitol: H.R. 250, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the Capitol;

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Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act: H.R. 469, to provide for the creation of a Congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States; and

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Medal of Honor Act: H.R. 695, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-may vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 51.

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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 House passed 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”, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 206 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 52.

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H. Res. 161, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 20) and (H.J. Res. 35), and the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 14) was agreed to yesterday, February 25th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 27th.

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Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 11 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H853.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H859 and H859–60.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings**AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING DAY 2**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a