

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1413–S1443

Measures Introduced: Fifty bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 762–811, S.J. Res. 28, and S. Res. 101–104. **Pages S1428–29**

Measures Passed:

Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate 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”. **Page S1419**

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and October 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027. **Page S1434**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 104, designating February 27, 2025, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Page S1434**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Senate indefinitely postponed 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 S1413–19, S1434**

Measures Considered:

Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 9, to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex

shall be recognized based solely on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth. **Page S1434**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 27, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, on Monday, March 3, 2025. **Page S1434**

Message from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–10) **Page S1427**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–11) **Page S1427**

McMahon Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education. **Pages S1419–24**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1424**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be expired; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 3, 2025. **Pages S1423–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 3, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the

nomination, under the previous order; and that following disposition of the nomination, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 9, to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, and that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1434**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S1419, S1424**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:16 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1434.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL), testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

GLOBAL NUCLEAR AND MISSILE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on global nuclear and missile threats from Nicholas Baynes, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Nuclear Issues Defense Counterproliferation Office, Gregory Kastner, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Defense Counterproliferation Office/China Mission Group, and Jason Adams, Senior Intelligence Officer, Defense Counterproliferation Office, all of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

CARGO THEFT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety concluded a hearing to examine cargo theft, focusing on the threat to consumers and the United States supply chain, after receiving testimony from Chief Will Johnson, BNSF Railway Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Rob Howell, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Katy, Texas; Adam Blanchard, Tanager Logistics and Double Diamond Transport, San Antonio, Texas, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations; and Lewie Pugh, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Grain Valley, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Keith Sonderling, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL) and former

Senator LeMieux, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related

substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 120 public bills, H.R. 1643–1762; 1 private bill, H.R. 1763; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 63–65; H. Con. Res. 16; and H. Res. 168–176, 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 McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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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”: The House passed 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”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 198 nays with two answering “present”, Roll No. 53.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 3, 2025 for morning-hour debate.

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Presidential Messages: Received a message from the President transmitting a notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela is to continue in effect beyond March 8, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–21).

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Received a message from the President transmitting a notification of the national emergency de-

clared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014 with respect to Ukraine, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 13661, Executive Order 13662, and Executive Order 14065, and under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13685 and Executive Order 13849, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–22).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H889.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING DAY 3

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 3”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ONLINE EXPLOITATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Protecting Victims of Human Trafficking and Online Exploitation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
MARCH 3, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 42, 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 for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment”; H.J. Res. 61, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing”; and 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”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Linda McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, and vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Linda McMahon, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 9, Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Chamber

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