

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1723–S1751

Measures Introduced: Fifty-seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1013–1069 **Pages S1741–43**

Measures Passed:

Hamas in the Gaza Strip: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 72, affirming that Hamas cannot retain any political or military control in the Gaza Strip, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1751**

Measures Considered:

Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1735–37**

Pending:

Thune (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1237, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1735–37**

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

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 124), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, and at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Friday, March 14, 2025, Senate continue consideration of S. 331; that all post-cloture time on the bill be expired, and Thune (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1237 (listed above) be withdrawn; and that Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S1751**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, March 14, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Stephen Feinberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense; that at 10:45 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the

nomination of Stephen Feinberg; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the post-cloture time expire at 1:15 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen Feinberg; that Senate continue consideration of S.331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, as under the previous order; and that following disposition of the bill, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. **Page S1751**

Landau Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of the nomination of John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1724**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1724**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 121), William Pulte, of Florida, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 120), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1726**

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 123), Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

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

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 122), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1730**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

David Weldon, of Florida, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2025. **Page S1751**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—124) **Pages S1726, S1729–30, S1735**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1751.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.919, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 875, to curtail the political weaponization of Federal banking agencies by eliminating reputational risk as a component of the supervision of depository institutions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, and Aaron Szabo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, and George Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Japan, who were both introduced by Senator Hagerty, and Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, and Martin Makary, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be

Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nomination of Mehmet Oz, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, March 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Stephen Feinberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 10:45 a.m.; If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Stephen Feinberg, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:15 p.m. Following which, Senate will continue consideration of S.331, HALT Fentanyl Act, with a vote on passage of the bill. Upon disposition of the bill, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1968, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 14

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.



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