

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1791–S1808

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1088–1098, and S. Res. 132–134. **Page S1802**

Measures Reported: Reported on Tuesday, March 18, during the adjournment:

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.

S. 919, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1802**

Measures Passed:

National Osceola Turkey Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 134, designating March 15, 2025, as “National Osceola Turkey Day”. **Page S1807**

Appointments:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Senator Luján vice former Senator Manchin. **Page S1807**

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

A message from the President of the United States Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as emergency requirements 16 appropriations (including the transfer and repurposing of funds) so designated by the Congress in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (the “Act”) pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts, and does not include the remaining 11 appropriations; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–16) **Page S1800**

Faulkender Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael

Faulkender, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S1796**

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 Aaron Reitz, of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S1796**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1796**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1796**

Kratsios Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate on Friday, March 14, 2025, ripen at 12 noon, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Michael Kratsios. **Page S1807**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 136), John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy. **Pages S1791–95, S1808**

By 60 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 137), Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Pages S1795–96, S1808**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Herschel Walker, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Alex Adams, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Melissa Argyros, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Gregory Autrey, of Florida, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Richard Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Bill Bazzi, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Callista Gingrich, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Kimberly Guilfoyle, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador.

Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Crystal Carey, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for term of four years.

Brian Christine, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Michael Dodd, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Karen Evans, of West Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Amer Ghalib, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Melinda Hildebrand, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Julie Hocker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Michel Issa, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Michael Kavoukjian, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.

Peter Lamelas, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Benjamin Leon, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra.

Jennifer Locetta, of Florida, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Andrea Lucas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2030.

Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Daniel Newlin, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Jared Novelly, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa.

Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Joseph Popolo, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Michael Powers, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Marco Rajkovich, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2030.

Luigi Rinaldi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Thomas Rose, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Michael Rutherford, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Brent Sadler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Jonathan Snare, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2029.

Katherine Sutton, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Bryan Switzer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Textiles, Investment, Services, and Intellectual Property), with the rank of Ambassador.

Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Derek Theurer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Christine Toretta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Usha-Maria Turner, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Edward Walsh, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

William White, of New York, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Belgium.

James Woodruff II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2032.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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

Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media, which was sent to the Senate on March 10, 2025

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages S1802–04

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—137)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1807.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 2282–2312; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79–81; H. Con. Res. 20; and H. Res. 240–241, 243–246, were introduced.

Pages H1217–18

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1219–21

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1621, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the entrepreneurial challenges facing entrepreneurs with a disability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–31);

H.R. 1634, to provide for a memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the National Council on Disability to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–32);

H.R. 1804, to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–33);

H.R. 787, to require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business con-

cerns, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–34);

H.R. 789, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for cancelled covered solicitations, to amend the Small Business Act to provide assistance to small business concerns relating to certain cancelled solicitations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–35);

H.R. 1642, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–36);

H.R. 1816, to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–37); and

H. Res. 242, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) 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 Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted

by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator Freezers”; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1048) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–38).

Pages H1216–17

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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

Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2025: H.R. 359, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require reporting relating to certain cost-share requirements, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 72;

Pages H1196–97, H1213

Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act: H.R. 730, amended, to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections;

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United States Research Protection Act: H.R. 1318, to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction;

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Commercial Remote Sensing Amendment Act of 2025: H.R. 1325, to provide for transparent licensing of commercial remote sensing systems;

Pages H1202–04

DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act: H.R. 1326, to provide for Department of Energy and Department of Agriculture joint research and development activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 73;

Pages H1204–05, H1214

DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act: H.R. 1350, to provide for Department of Energy and Na-

tional Science Foundation research and development coordination; and

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DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act: H.R. 1368, to provide for Department of Energy and National Aeronautics and Space Administration research and development coordination.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva.

Pages H1213–14

Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to H. Res. 198, as amended by Representative Steil, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

Pages H1215–16

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva: The House agreed to H. Res. 240, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

IMPACT Act: H.R. 1534, to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American industry through the research and development of advanced technologies to improve the efficiency of cement, concrete, and asphalt production.

Pages H1209–12

Presidential Message: Received a message from the President transmitting a notification of the designation as emergency requirements 16 appropriations (including the transfer and repurposing of funds) so designated by Congress—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–31).

Pages H1214–15

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1213 and H1214.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DETERRENT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR WALK-IN COOLERS AND WALK-IN FREEZERS; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, AND REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1048, the “DETERRENT Act”; H.J. Res. 24, 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 Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers”; and H.J. Res. 75, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 24, 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 Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers”, H.J. Res. 75, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers”, and H.R. 1048, the “DETERRENT Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 24, 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 Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers”, 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. 75, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers”, 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 respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1048, the “DETERRENT Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Workforce or their respective designees. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of the substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–1 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Walberg, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Latta, and Pallone.

CLOSING THE DATA GAP: IMPROVING INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN VA AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled "Closing the Data Gap: Improving Interoperability Between VA and Community Providers". Testimony was heard from Jonathan Nebeker, M.D., Chief Medical Informatics Officer and Executive Director of Clinical Informatics, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D99)

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". Signed on March 14, 2025. (Public Law 119–2)

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". Signed on March 14, 2025. (Public Law 119–3)

H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Signed on March 15, 2025. (Public Law 119–4)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the Department of Defense strategy on countering unmanned aerial systems, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold closed hearings to examine harnessing artificial intelligence cyber capabilities; to be immediately followed by an open hearing at 3:30 p.m. in SR–232A, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings to examine the state of conventional surface shipbuilding, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Mehmet Oz, of Pennsylvania, to be Ad-

ministrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031, 10:10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, and Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the censorship industrial complex, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH–219, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The CFTC at 50: Examining the Past and Future of Commodity Markets", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing entitled "Capitol Complex Public Safety and Security", 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, joint hearing entitled "Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "The Future of Wage Laws: Assessing the FLSA's Effectiveness, Challenges, and Opportunities", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Keeping the Lights On: Examining the State of Regional Grid Reliability", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Ethics, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 2:30 p.m., 1015 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Beyond Silicon Valley: Expanding Access to Capital Across America", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Streamlined and Rightsized: Consolidating State Department Administrative Services", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing entitled "Metals, Minerals, and Mining: How the CCP Fuels Conflict and Exploitation in Africa", 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, markup on H.R. 1327, the "Syria Terrorism Threat Assessment Act"; H.R. 1508, the "DHS Special Events Program and Support Act"; H.R. 1736, the "Generative AI Terrorism Risk Assessment Act"; H.R. 2116, the "Law Enforcement Support and Counter Transnational Repression Act"; H.R. 2139, the "Strengthening State and Local Efforts to

Counter Transnational Repression Act”; H.R. 2158, the “Countering Transnational Repression Act of 2025”; H.R. 2212, the “DHS Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program and Law Enforcement Support Act”; legislation on the National Strategy for School Security Act of 2025; legislation on the Countering the Chinese Communist Party’s United Front Work Department of 2025; legislation on the Strengthening Oversight of DHS Intelligence Act; and legislation on the DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act of 2025, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 38, the “Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act”; H.R. 60, the “Knife Owners’ Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 2184, the “Firearm Due Process Protection Act”; H.R. 2255, the “Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act”; H.R. 2243, the “LEOSA Reform Act of 2025”; H.R. 2267, the “NICS Data Reporting Act”; and H.R. 2240, the “Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act of 2025”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 276, the “Gulf of America Act”; H.R. 845, the “Pet and Livestock Protection Act”; H.R. 1897, the “ESA Amendments Act”; and H.R. 1917, the “Great Lakes Mass Marking Program Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1295, the “Reorganizing Government Act of 2025”; H.R. 1210, the “Protecting Taxpayers’ Wallet Act”; legislation on the Preserving Presidential Management Authority Act”; H.R. 2174, the “Paycheck Protection Act”; H.R. 2193, the “FEHB Protection Act of 2025”; legislation on the Federal Accountability Committee for Transparency Act; H.R. 2056, the “District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act”; H. Res. 187, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, moved to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies; and H. Res. 186, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Reforming FEMA: Bringing Common Sense Back to Federal Emergency Management”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Mission Incomplete: Strengthening the TAP Program to Ensure a Smoother Transition to Civilian Life for Tomorrow’ Veterans”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 217, the “CHIP IN for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1969, the “No Wrong Door for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1971, the “Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act”; H.R. 1823, the “VA Budget Accountability Act”; H.R. 1107, the “Protecting Veteran

Access to Telemedicine Services Act”; H.R. 1336, the “Veterans National Traumatic Brain Injury Act”; H.R. 658, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration; H.R. 1644, the “Copay Fairness for Veterans Act”; and H.R. 1860, the “Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act”, 2:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Breaking Down Barriers: Getting Veterans ACCESS to Lifesaving Care”, 2:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “American Trade Negotiation Priorities”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 25 through March 28, 2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12:00 noon. At 2:15 p.m., if cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Michael Kratsios, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

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 Armed Services: March 25, to receive a closed briefing on the Department of Defense strategy on countering unmanned aerial systems, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

March 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold closed hearings to examine harnessing artificial intelligence cyber capabilities; to be immediately followed by an open hearing at 3:30 p.m. in SR–232A, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

March 25, Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings to examine the state of conventional surface shipbuilding, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

March 26, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold open hearings to examine the United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2026 and Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

March 26, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Military Service Academies, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Troy Meink, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Duffy, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Research and Engineering, and Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 27, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Gould, of Virginia, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years, Luke Pettit, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2026, and Marcus Molinaro, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 27, Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the National Transportation Safety Board preliminary report, focusing on the DCA midair collision, 10 a.m., SD–106.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, 2:15 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 26, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian Nesvik, of Wyoming, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Jessica Kramer, of Wisconsin, and Sean Donahue, of Florida, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: March 25, business meeting to consider the nomination of Mehmet Oz, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031, 10:10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, and Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Indo-Pacific alliances and burden sharing in today's geopolitical environment, 10 a.m., SD–419.

March 26, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine People's Republic of China influence and the status of Taiwan's diplomatic allies in the Western Hemisphere, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

March 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 860, to modify the information about countries

exporting methamphetamine that is included in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, to require a report to Congress on the seizure and production of certain illicit drugs, to impose sanctions with respect to the production and trafficking into the United States, of synthetic opioids, S. 868, to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, S. Res. 86, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) and the harmful conflation of China's "One China Principle" and the United States' "One China Policy", S. Res. 98, condemning Beijing's destruction of Hong Kong's democracy and rule of law, S. Res. 106, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, S. 799, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, S. 821, to provide for increased reporting regarding Department of State Taiwan guidelines, S. 555, to direct the Secretary of State to establish a national registry of Korean American divided families, and S. 842, to counter efforts by Hezbollah to conduct terrorist activities in Latin America, S. Res. 52, recognizing religious freedom as a fundamental right, expressing support for international religious freedom as a cornerstone of United States foreign policy, and expressing concern over increased threats to and attacks on religious freedom around the world, and an original resolution recognizing the 204th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, and the nominations of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, George Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, all of the Department of State, 11 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 27, to hold hearings to examine ensuring safe learning environments for all students, focusing on protests on campus, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the censorship industrial complex, 2 p.m., SD–226.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

March 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:15 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 26, business meeting to consider S. 1047, to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, S. 1093, to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and the nominations of William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator, and Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, both of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 25, to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH–219, 10 a.m., SH–216.

March 26, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 26, Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, hearing entitled “Anti-American Airwaves: Accountability for the Heads of NPR and PBS”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Annual Worldwide Threats Hearing”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Annual Worldwide Threats Hearing”, 2 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12:00 noon. At 2:15 p.m., if cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Michael Kratsios, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

(Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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