

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1841–S1878*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1132–1161, S.J. Res. 39, and S. Res. 139–143. **Pages S1871–72**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 118th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 119–6) **Page S1871**

#### Measures Passed:

**Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales:** By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate passed H.J. Res. 25, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to “Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales”. **Pages S1856–64**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session to consider the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1856**

By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 150), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1856**

**National Asbestos Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 140, designating the first week of April 2025 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”. **Page S1864**

**Greece Independence 204th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 141, recognizing the 204th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. **Page S1864**

**American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Women:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States. **Page S1864**

**Girl Scouts of the United States of America 113th Birthday:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 120, recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 113th birthday and celebrating its founder, Juliette Gordon Low, and the legacy of providing girls with a secure and inclusive space where they can explore their world, build meaningful relationships, and have access to experiences that prepare them for a life of leadership, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1864**

#### Measures Considered:

**Overdraft Lending—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 18, disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions”. **Page S1864**

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 152), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1864**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate continue consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 27, 2025; that at 11:20 a.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Paul Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2 p.m. **Page S1878**

**Terminating the National Emergency Related to Canadian Imports—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Democratic Leader, no earlier than Tuesday, April 1, 2025, S.J. Res. 37, terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Canada, be discharged from the Committee on Finance and Senate begin consideration; and that there be six hours for debate only

with the time equally divided between the Leaders or their designees, on the joint resolution; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 145), James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 147), Aaron Reitz, of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 146), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 149), Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 148), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:** Pages S1868–69

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S1867–68

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**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S1878

**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—152) Pages S1845, S1848, S1855–56, S1863–64

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1878.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from General Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Stephen N. Whiting, USSF, Commander, United States Space Command, both of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

### MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Military Service Academies, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Steven W. Gilland, USA, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, Vice Admiral Yvette M. Davids, USN, Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, and Lieutenant General Tony D. Bauernfeind, USAF, Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian Nesvik, of Wyoming, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, who was introduced by Senator Barrasso, and Jessica Kramer, of Wisconsin, and Sean Donahue, of Florida, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INDO-PACIFIC ALLIANCES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Indo-Pacific alliances and burden sharing in today's geopolitical environment, after receiving testimony from Randall G. Schriver, Project 2049 Institute, Arlington, Virginia; Oriana Skylar Mastro, Stanford University Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford, California; and Victor D. Cha, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

### CHINA AND TAIWAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine People's Republic of China influence and the status of Taiwan's diplomatic allies in the Western Hemisphere, after receiving testimony from Evan Ellis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Samantha Custer, William and Mary Global Research Institute, Williamsburg, Virginia.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick David Davis, of Maryland, John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, and Brett Shumate, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice,

after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 45 public bills, H.R. 2350–2394; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 254–258 were introduced. **Pages H1300–02**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1303**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Knott to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1277**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1283**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1284**

**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 House considered 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”. Consideration is expected to resume Thursday, March 27th. **Pages H1284–90**

H. Res. 242, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 24) and (H.J. Res. 75) and the bill (H.R. 1048) was agreed to yesterday, March 25th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 27th. **Page H1290**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board.

#### U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND COMMAND—CHALLENGES AND RESOURCE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026”. Testimony was heard from General Bryan P. Fenton, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Colby Jenkins, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense.

#### THE WORLD WILD WEB: EXAMINING HARMS ONLINE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The World Wild Web: Examining Harms Online”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**A NEW ERA FOR THE CONSUMER  
FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU:  
BALANCING POWER AND  
REPRIORITIZING CONSUMER  
PROTECTIONS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “A New Era for the CFPB: Balancing Power and Reprioritizing Consumer Protections”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ANTI-AMERICAN AIRWAVES:  
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE HEADS OF  
NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO AND PUBLIC  
BROADCASTING SERVICE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Anti-American Airwaves: Accountability for the Heads of NPR and PBS”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**TO THE DEPTHS, AND BEYOND:  
EXAMINING BLUE ECONOMY  
TECHNOLOGIES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “To the Depths, and Beyond: Examining Blue Economy Technologies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AMERICA BUILDS: HOW TRUCKING  
SUPPORTS AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “America Builds: How Trucking Supports American Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 647, the “Ensuring Veterans’ Final Resting Place Act of 2025”; H.R. 1039, the “Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act”; H.R. 1228, the “Prioritizing Veterans’ Survivors Act”; H.R. 1286, the “Simplifying Forms for Veterans Claims Act”; H.R. 1344, the “Dennis and Lois Krisfalusy Act; legislation on the Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025; legislation on the Review Every Veterans Claim Act of 2025; legislation on the Veteran Appeals Transparency Act of 2025; legislation on the Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act; legislation on the Veterans Claims Education Act; legislation on the Survivors Benefits Delivery Improvement Act of 2025; and legislation on the Board of Veterans Appeals’ Attorney Retention and Back-

log Reduction Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Self, Kim, Pfluger, Yakym, Barrett, and Bresnahan; Colonel Andrew Shurtleff, U.S. Air Force (Retired); Kenesha Britton, Assistant Deputy Undersecretary, Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**ANNUAL WORLDWIDE THREATS HEARING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Annual Worldwide Threats Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Tulsi Gabbard, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; John Ratcliffe, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; General Timothy D. Haugh, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Kruse, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

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*Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 27, 2025**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* 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:* 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:* 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.

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 Foreign Relations:* 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:* to hold hearings to examine ensuring safe learning environments for all students, focusing on protests on campus, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* 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, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

## House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, hearing entitled "INL Should Fight Crime, Not Fight Conservatives", 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, March 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, March 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 18, Overdraft Lending, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at 11:20 a.m.

Following disposition of S.J. Res. 18, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Paul Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** 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”. Complete consideration of H.R. 1048—Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions Act. Complete 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”.

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