

Daily Digest

(Legislative Day of Monday, March 31, 2025)

Senate

Chamber Action

(Senate continued in session from Monday, March 31, 2025)

Routine Proceedings, pages S1961–S2104

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1218–1245, and S. Res. 149–153. **Pages S2092–93**

Measures Reported:

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.

Measures Passed:

National Women in Agriculture Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 153, designating March 27, 2025, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”. **Page S2099**

Oz Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mehmet Oz, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. **Page S2086**

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 on Thursday, April 3, 2025. **Page S2086**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2086**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2086**

Sauer and Dhillon Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Dean Sauer, of Missouri, to be Solicitor General of the United States; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture

on the nomination at 2:15 p.m.; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Dean Sauer, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Harmeet Dhillon, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Dean Sauer and Harmeet Dhillon, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, during Wednesday’s session of the Senate, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations. **Pages S2099–S2100**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 157), Matthew Whitaker, of Iowa, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador. **Pages S2084–85, S2103**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

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, the Cook Islands, and Niue.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2100–03**

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

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, which was sent to the Senate on March 24, 2025. **Pages S2103–04**

Messages from the House: **Page S2091**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—157) Page S2085

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2025, and adjourned at 9:19 p.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2100.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 222, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk, after receiving testimony from Eve Stoodly, Director, Nutrition Guidance and Analysis Division, Department of Agriculture; Linette Dodson, Georgia Department of Education, Carrollton; Keith T. Ayoob, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, New York, New York; Krista Byler, Union City Area School District, Spartansburg, Pennsylvania; and Dan Gorman, Montague Area Public Schools, Montague, Michigan.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired), to be general and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably the nomination of Elbridge Colby, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense, and 33 nominations in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, who was introduced by Senators Cornyn and Kelly, Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who was introduced by Senators Boozman and Cotton, and Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BIG TECH FIXES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine big fixes for big tech, after receiving testimony from Kamyk Bazbaz, DuckDuckGo, and Jason Kint, Digital Content Next, both of New York, New York; Morgan Harper, American Economic Liberties Project, Columbus, Ohio; Garry Tan, Y Combinator, San Francisco, California; and Rory Van Loo, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Samuel Brown, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Sullivan, James Baehr, of Louisiana, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, and Richard Topping, of Ohio, to be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Tillis, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee received a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 2480–2527; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83–86; H. Con. Res. 23–23; and H. Res. 269–281, were introduced. **Pages H1371–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1376–77**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Taylor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1341**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1343**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m. **Page H1345**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Houchin wherein she resigned from the Committee on Education and Workforce. **Page H1356**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1356**

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

Directing the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions: H.R. 1234, to direct the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions; **Pages H1345–47**

Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act: H.R. 517, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for postponing certain deadlines by reason of disaster, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 84; **Pages H1347–48, H1356**

Internal Revenue Service Math and Taxpayer Help Act: H.R. 998, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices; **Pages H1348–49**

National Taxpayer Advocate Enhancement Act of 2025: H.R. 997, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform to the intent of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, as set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference ac-

companying Conference Report 105–599, that the National Taxpayer Advocate be able to hire and consult counsel as appropriate, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 85; **Pages H1349–51 H1356–57**

Recovery of Stolen Checks Act: H.R. 1155, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to elect to receive certain replacement refunds electronically; and **Pages H1351–53**

Electronic Filing and Payment Fairness Act: H.R. 1152, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the application of the mailbox rule to documents and payments electronically submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. **Pages H1354–56**

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

Disaster Related Extension of Deadlines Act: H.R. 1152, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the postponement of certain deadlines by reason of disasters applicable to the limitation on credit or refund, and to take postponements into account for purposes of sending collection notices. **Pages H1353–54**

Presidential Messages: Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, regarding significant malicious cyber-related activities originating outside the United States, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13757 of December 28, 2016, Executive Order 13984 of January 19, 2021, Executive Order 14110 of October 30, 2023 (revoked by Executive Order 14148 of January 20, 2025), and Executive Order 14144 of January 16, 2025, is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–33).

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Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–34).

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Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 18 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1344–45.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1356 and H1357.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NO ROGUE RULINGS ACT OF 2025; SAFEGUARD AMERICAN VOTER ELIGIBILITY ACT; DISAPPROVING THE RULE RELATING TO OVERDRAFT LENDING; VERY LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; DISAPPROVING THE RULE RELATING TO DEFINING LARGER PARTICIPANTS OF A MARKET FOR GENERAL-USE DIGITAL CONSUMER PAYMENT APPLICATIONS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 1526, the “No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025”; H.R. 22, the “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act”; S.J. Res. 18, disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions”; and S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Steil, and Representatives Issa, Raskin, Morelle, Barr, Waters, and Johnson of Texas.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine restoring Boeing’s status as a great American manufacturer, focusing on safety first, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and James Danly, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine constructing the Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, focusing on United States Secretary of Transportation’s perspective, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, and Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Native American education, focusing on Federal programs at the U.S. Department of Education, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine District Judges, focusing on exploring legislative solutions to the bipartisan problem of universal injunctions, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider 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; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 1199, to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 8:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America”, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn. This hearing is closed.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “From Chalkboards to Chatbots: The Impact of AI on K–12 Education”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the FDA’s Regulation of Over-the-Counter Monograph Drugs”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Aging Technology, Emerging Threats: Examining Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities in Legacy Medical Devices”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Following the Money: Tools and Techniques to Combat Fraud”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, South and Central Asia Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Censorship-Industrial Complex: The Need for First Amendment Safeguards at the State Department”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Return to Maximum Pressure: Comprehensively Countering the Iranian Regime’s Malign Activities”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity is Local, Too: Assessing the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement; and Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Exploring the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Across the DHS Enterprise”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet; and Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, joint hearing entitled “Judicial Overreach and Constitutional Limits on the Federal Courts”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “America’s AI Moonshot: The Economics of AI, Data Centers, and Power Consumption”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets, hearing entitled “Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets: the JFK Files”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on H.R. 1526, the “No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025”; H.R. 22, the “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act”; S.J. Res. 18, disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions”; and S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications”, 8 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Leveraging Commercial Innovation for Lunar Exploration: A Review of NASA’s CLPS Initiative”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Golden Age: Unleashing Main Street Through Deregulation”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Harnessing Biomedical Innovation: Modernizing VA Healthcare for the Future”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Dean Sauer, of Missouri, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following the vote on cloture on the nomination of Dean Sauer, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Harmeet Dhillon, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General. If cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, votes on confirmation of the nominations will occur at a time to be determined by the two Leaders during Wednesday's session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 1

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: 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” (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of S.J. Res. 28—Disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications” (Subject to a Rule).

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