

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2461–S2481**

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1319–1360, and S. Res. 162. **Pages S2475–76**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 216, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (S. Rept. No. 119–12) **Page S2475**

**Measures Passed:**

**PRO Veterans Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 423, to protect regular order for budgeting for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2480**

Lummis (for Moran) Amendment No. 2222, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2480**

**Aerial Firefighting Enhancement Act:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 160, to amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2480**

Lummis (for Sheehy) Amendment No. 2223, to modify the period for exercise of authority for the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes. **Page S2480**

**Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-Fired Instantaneous Water Heaters—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the nomination of Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange, Senator Cruz be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 20, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule sub-

mitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters”.

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message 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 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21) **Page S2474**

**Meador Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2024. **Pages S2464–66**

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 10, 2025. **Page S2464**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2464**

**Huckabee Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel. **Pages S2468–70**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 196), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2468**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, and Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, the post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of

the nominations, as well as the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader no earlier than Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

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**Hoekstra Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada.

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

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 197), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Johnson Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States.

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 198), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Cabrera Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

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

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 199), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Senate execute the order of Tuesday, April 8, 2025, with respect to the nominations of Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel; and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Paul Atkins, and if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Mike Huckabee; that at 2 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, and Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, in the order listed; and that at 7 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Paul Atkins.

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

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 193), Elbridge Colby, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

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By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 195), George Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Japan.

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

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 194), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—199)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2481.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary, was introduced by Senators Blackburn and Hagerty, and Tyler Clarkson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SENTINEL INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on an update on the Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Program from Brent G. Ingraham, performing the duties of the Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, John D. Hill, performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, Darlene J. Costello, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and

Logistics, Major General Colin J. Connor, USAF, Director, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Modernization, Site Activation Task Force, and Brigadier General William S. Rogers, USAF, Program Executive Officer for Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, all of the Department of Defense.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bradley Hantsell, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Security, Earl Matthews, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Representative Pfluger, and Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL), all of the Department of Defense, and Brandon Williams, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Troy Meink, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Michael Duffey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, and Lieutenant General John D. Caine, USAF (Retired), to be appointed to the permanent grade of major general in the Regular Air Force, and to be general and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Colby Jenkins, performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Special Operation and Low-Intensity Conflict, and General Bryan P. Fenton, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

#### NUCLEAR SHIPBUILDING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings to examine the state of nuclear shipbuilding, after receiving testimony from Matthew D. Sermon, Program Manager, Maritime Industrial Base, Rear Admiral Jonathan E. Rucker, USN, Program Executive Officer, Attack Submarines, Rear Admiral Casey J. Moton, USN, Program Executive Officer, Aircraft Carriers, and Rear Admiral Todd S. Weeks, USN, Program Executive Officer, Strategic Submarines.

#### TRADE POLICY AGENDA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2025 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, who was introduced by Senator Ricketts, Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on perspectives from public requesters, after receiving testimony from Daniel Z. Epstein, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida; Margaret B. Kwoka, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus; and Mike Howell, The Oversight Project, Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 51 public bills, H.R. 2702–2752; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; and H. Res. 300–307, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1509–10**

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

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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**Notification of Intent to Offer Motion to Discharge:** Representative Pettersen notified the House of her intent to offer a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XV from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 164) entitled, a resolution providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 23) permitting parental remote voting by proxy.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2 p.m. and reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

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**No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025:** The House considered H.R. 1526, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the authority of district courts to provide injunctive relief. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 9th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 294, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 18) and (S.J. Res. 28) and the bills (H.R. 1526) and (H.R. 22) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 92, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 91.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 300, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

**Pages H1481–82**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 3, 2025, regarding morning-hour debate not apply tomorrow, April 9th.

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**Presidential Message:** Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–38).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on pages H1471–72.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages 1480–81 and H1481.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE POWER OF WORK: EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Power of Work: Expanding Opportunity through SNAP”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ASSESSING THE PRESIDENT’S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF (PEPFAR)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Assessing the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL; LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol and Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Austin, Architect of the Capitol; Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress; Karen E. Donfried, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Costa and Weber of Texas.

**QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Quality of Life in the Military”. Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major Michael R. Weimer, Sergeant Major of the Army, Department of Army; Master Chief Petty Officer James M. Honea, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Department of the Navy; Sergeant Major Carlos A. Ruiz, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; Chief Master Sergeant David A. Flosi, U.S. Air Force; and Chief Master Sergeant John F. Bentivenga, U.S. Space Force.

**APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Manger, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

**U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Thompson, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and General Christopher G. Cavoli, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. European Command.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION FOR EMERGING BIOTECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Final Report of the National Security Commission for Emerging Biotechnology”. Testimony was heard from Todd Young, Chair, National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, Department of Defense; and Michelle Roza, Vice Chair, National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, Department of Defense.

**GAME CHANGER: THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, STUDENT-ATHLETES, AND THE FUTURE OF COLLEGE SPORTS**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Game Changer: the NLRB, Student-Athletes, and the Future of College Sports”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1442, the “Youth Poisoning

Protection Act”; H.R. 973, the “Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act”; H.R. 633, the “TAKE IT DOWN Act”; H.R. 1664, the “Deploying American Blockchains Act of 2025”; H.R. 2444, the “Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act of 2025”; H.R. 2480, the “Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act”; H.R. 1402, the “TICKET Act”; H.R. 1479, the “Hotel Fees Transparency Act of 2025”; H.R. 859, the “Informing Consumers About Smart Devices Act”; H.R. 2481, the “Romance Scam Prevention Act”; H.R. 617, the “American Music Tourism Act of 2025”; H.R. 2269, the “WIPPEs Act”; H.R. 906, the “FACT Act”; H.R. 2449, the “FUTURE Networks Act”; H.R. 2458, the “Secure Space Act”; H.R. 866, the “ROUTERS Act”; H.R. 2482, the “NTIA Reauthorization Act of 2025”; H.R. 2399, the “Rural Broadband Protection Act”; H.R. 2037, the “OpenRAN Outreach Act”; and H.R. 1717, the “Communications Security Act”. H.R. 1442, H.R. 973, H.R. 633, H.R. 1664, H.R. 2444, H.R. 2480, H.R. 1402, H.R. 1479, H.R. 859, H.R. 2481, H.R. 617, H.R. 2269, H.R. 906, H.R. 2449, H.R. 2458, H.R. 2482, H.R. 2399, and H.R. 1717 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2037 and H.R. 866 were ordered reported, as amended.

**DECADES OF DYSFUNCTION: RESTORING ACCOUNTABILITY AT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Decades of Dysfunction: Restoring Accountability at HUD”. Testimony was heard from Stephen M. Begg, Acting Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**U.S. TREASURY DEBT IN THE MONETARY SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity held a hearing entitled “U.S. Treasury Debt in the Monetary System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**DEFICIENT, ENFEEBLED, AND INEFFECTIVE: THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S FAR-LEFT PRIORITIES ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Oversight and Intelligence Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Deficient, Enfeebled, and Ineffective: The Consequences of the Biden Administration’s Far-Left Priorities on U.S. Foreign Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **AMERICA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE: EXAMINING EFFORTS TO SECURE AND IMPROVE THE U.S. TRAVEL SYSTEM AND PREPARE FOR SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “America on the Global Stage: Examining Efforts to Secure and Improve the U.S. Travel System and Prepare for Significant International Events”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **REVISITING THE 2024 ELECTION WITH SECRETARIES OF STATE**

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “Revisiting the 2024 Election with Secretaries of State”. Testimony was heard from Wes Allen, Secretary of State, Alabama; Nancy Landry, Secretary of State, Louisiana; Frank LaRose, Secretary of State, Ohio; Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, Idaho; and Stephanie Thomas, Secretary of State, Connecticut.

### **A CONTINUED PATTERN OF GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE OF U.S. CITIZENS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “A Continued Pattern of Government Surveillance of U.S. Citizens”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 839, to prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 1809, the “Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 2293, the “Cormorant Relief Act of 2025”; and H.R. 2316, the “Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act of 2025”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Arrington, and Representatives Ezell, Hurd of Colorado, and Quigley; and public witnesses.

### **DEEKSEEK: A DEEP DIVE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “DeekSeek: A Deep Dive”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **AMERICA BUILDS: AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY, AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “America Builds: Airport Infrastructure, Safety, and

Regulatory Environment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **LOWERING COSTS FOR PATIENTS: THE HEALTH OF THE BIOSIMILAR MARKET**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Lowering Costs for Patients: The Health of the Biosimilar Market”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG FINDINGS: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM IN NEED OF REFORM, BETTER STATE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND FRAUD PROTECTION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Government Watchdog Findings: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program In Need of Reform, Better State Accountability, and Fraud Protection”. Testimony was heard from Roxane Somerlot, Director, Marion County Department of Job and Family Services, Marion, Ohio; and the following Government Accountability Office officials: Jeffrey Arkin, Director, Strategic Issues; Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services; James Dalkin, Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Kathryn Larin, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security.

## *Joint Meetings*

### **MAIN STREET PROSPERITY**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Small Business to examine prosperity on Main Street, focusing on keeping taxes low for small businesses, after receiving testimony from Tom Click, Patriot Industries, Louisa, Virginia; Preston Brashers, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Jerry Akers, Sharpness, Inc., Palo, Iowa, on behalf of the International Franchise Association; and Anne Zimmerman, Small Business for America’s Future, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold closed hearings to examine United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization

Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open hearing at 3:30 p.m. in SD-G50, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine personnel policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider S. 154, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, S. 362, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 544, to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, S. 714, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and 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:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Sean Donahue, of Florida, and Jessica Kramer, of Wisconsin, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Brian Nesvik, of Wyoming, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine improving future management of the Superfund Program, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider pending calendar nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas DiNanno, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Sarah Rogers, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, and Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar nominations, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Scott Kupor, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years, and Eric Matthew Ueland, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism, to hold an oversight hearing to exam-

ine Meta's foreign relations and representations to the United States Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Samuel Brown, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, James Baehr, of Louisiana, to be General Counsel, and Richard Topping, of Ohio, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 11:30 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Joseph Kent, of Washington, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold joint hearings with the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition to examine financial aggression, focusing on how the Chinese Communist Party exploits American retirees and undermines national security, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, hearing entitled "American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: On-Chain Tools for an Off-Chain World", 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Member Day", 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on Government Accountability Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Government Publishing Office, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled "GAO's Assessment of the Costs of Deferred Maintenance Across the Federal Government", 10:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Public Witness Day", 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing entitled "Public Witness Day", 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled "U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026", 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn. Part of this hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "FY26 Strategic Forces Posture Hearing", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “A Review of Military Food Programs”, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Full Committee, business meeting on subcommittee assignments; and markup on H.R. 2617, the “Say No to Indoctrination Act”; H.R. 2616, the “PROTECT Kids Act”; H. Res. 237, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Education to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the reduction in force and other downsizing measures at the Department of Education; H.R. 2262, the “Flexibility for Workers Education Act”; and H.R. 2270, the “Empowering Employer Child and Elder Care Solutions Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Converting Energy into Intelligence: the Future of AI Technology, Human Discovery, and American Global Competitiveness”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: Aligning the U.S. Securities Laws for the Digital Age”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 747, to impose sanctions with respect to Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and opioid precursors, to hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl, and for other purposes; H.R. 1998, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons engaged in piracy, and for other purposes; H.R. 2635, to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and safeguard their distinct identity, and for other purposes; H.R. 2619, to require a report on sanctions under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1422, to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes; H.R. 2503, to require the development of a strategy to eliminate the availability to foreign adversaries of goods and technologies capable of supporting undersea cables, and for other purposes; legislation to provide for control of remote access of items under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018; H.R. 260, to require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries and nongovernmental organizations to the Taliban, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2643, to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee markup on H.R. 275, the “Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2024”; H.R. 820, the “Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act”; H.R. 881, the

“DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act”; H.R. 1327, the “Syria Terrorism Threat Assessment Act”; H.R. 1508, the “DHS Special Events Program and Support Act”; H.R. 1569, the “CATCH Fentanyl Act”; H.R. 1608, the “Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025”; 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. 2285, the “DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act of 2025”; and legislation on the “Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Sanctuary Jurisdictions: Magnet for Migrants, Cover for Criminals”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “Ending Lawfare Against Whistleblowers Who Protect Children”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 276, the “Gulf of America Act of 2025”; H.R. 677, the “EARA”; H.R. 845, the “Pet and Livestock Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 900, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2025”; H.R. 972, the “Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act”; H.R. 1043, the “La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act”; H.R. 1098, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; H.R. 1665, the “DIGITAL Applications Act”; and H.R. 1681, the “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Restoring Trust in FDA: Rooting Out Illicit Products”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Full Committee, markup on 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, 9:45 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 14, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034, 8:45 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “America Builds: A Review of Our Nation’s Transit Policies and Programs”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining VA Efforts to Decrease Delays in Veterans’ Disability Compensation Claims”, 1:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s 2025 Trade Policy Agenda with United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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*Joint Hearing*: Senate Special Committee on Aging, to hold joint hearings with the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition to examine financial aggression, focusing on how the Chinese Communist Party exploits American retirees and undermines national security, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine reducing waste, fraud and abuse through innovation, focusing on how AI and data can improve government efficiency, 2:30 p.m., 210-CHOB.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 11:30 a.m., to be followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel.

At 2 p.m., Senate will vote on the confirmation of the nominations of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, and Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

At 7 p.m., Senate will vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Following which, Senator Cruz will be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 20, "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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