

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S2483–S2531

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1361–1402, and S. Res. 163–168.

**Pages S2520–21**

#### Measures Considered:

**Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-Fired Instantaneous Water Heaters—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 20, 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 Consumer Gas-Fired Instantaneous Water Heaters”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 206), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 10, 2025; that at 11 a.m., all debate time on the joint resolution be expired, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2024, ripen following disposition of the joint resolution.

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#### Appointments:

**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 119th Congress:

Senator Reed (Administrative Co-Chair), Senator Durbin (Co-Chair), Senator Duckworth (Co-Chair),

Senator Warnock, Senator Padilla, Senator Shaheen, Senator Schiff, Senator Kim, and Senator Gallego.

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**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Livia Shmavonian of the District of Columbia for a term beginning January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2026 vice Kimberly T. Glass of Virginia.

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**Caine Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired) to be Major General in the Regular Air Force.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, April 11, 2025.

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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.

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**Caine Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired) to be General and for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired) to be Major General in the Regular Air Force.

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**Fogel Nomination Joint Referral—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that as if in Executive Session, the nomination of David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received in the Senate on February 11, 2025, be jointly referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S2506**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel. **Pages S2488-89, S2531**

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 202), Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada. **Pages S2495, S2531**

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 203), Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States. **Pages S2495, S2531**

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 204), Kevin Cabrera, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama. **Pages S2495-96, S2531**

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 205), Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2026. **Pages S2488, S2531**

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

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 200), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2488**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S2510-20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2521-23**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2509-10**

**Notices of Intent:** **Page S2530**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S2530-31**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—206) **Pages S2488-89, S2495-96**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2531.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded open and 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, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General William J. Hartman, USA, Acting Commander, United States Cyber Command, Acting Director, National Security Agency, Acting Chief, Central Security Service, Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine personnel policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Brian S. Eifler, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G-1, United States Army; Vice Admiral Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, N-1, United States Navy; Lieutenant General Michael J. Borgschulte, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Caroline M. Miller, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, A-1, United States Air Force; and Katharine Kelley, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital, United States Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senator Sheehy, and Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, who was introduced by Senator Wicker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 362, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 544, to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund; 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.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported to 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.

## SUPERFUND PROGRAM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving future management of the Superfund Program, after receiving testimony from J. Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability; Robert D. Fox, Manko Gold Katcher Fox LLP, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; and Steven B. Radel, Industrial Development Advantage, LLC, Staten Island, New York.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, 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, David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Monica Crowley, of New York, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, all of the Department of State.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

## META OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism concluded an oversight hearing to examine Meta's foreign relations and representations to the United States Congress, after receiving testimony from Sarah Wynn-Williams, former Director of Global Policy, Facebook, London, United Kingdom.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

## NOMINATIONS

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, who was introduced by Representative Crawford, 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, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 2753–2806; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 314–322, were introduced. **Pages H1560–62**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5164–65**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 308, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 119–51);

H. Res. 309, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-eighth Congressional District of Texas (H. Rept. 119–52);

H. Res. 310, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the at-large Congressional District of Alaska (H. Rept. 119–53);

H. Res. 311, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas (H. Rept. 119–54);

H. Res. 312, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 119–55);

H. Res. 313, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–56);

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, adversely (H. Rept. 119–57); and

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, adversely (H. Rept. 119–58). **Page H1560**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1511**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. **Page H1525**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Pages H1530–31**

**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”:** The House passed 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”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H1514–19, H1532–33**

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 yesterday, April 8th.

**Disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions”:** The House passed S.J. Res. 18, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 96. **Pages H1519–25, H1533**

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 yesterday, April 8th.

**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:** The House considered 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. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 10th. **Pages H1533–50**

H. Res. 313, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 14) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 94, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 93. **Pages H1531–32**

**No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025:** The House passed H.R. 1526, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the authority of district courts to provide injunctive relief, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 98. **Pages H1550–52**

Rejected the Ross motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 97. **Page H1551**

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 yesterday, April 8th.

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, April 7th.

**Prioritizing Veterans' Survivors Act:** H.R. 1228, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the organization of the Office of Survivors Assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 99; and

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**Veterans Education Transparency and Training Act:** H.R. 981, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:46 p.m. and reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 10th.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative Casten presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 250) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1101) to prohibit unlawful access to the payment system of the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury (Discharge Petition No. 2).

**Senate Referrals:** S. 160 was held at the desk. S. 423 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 page H1514.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1531, H5131–32, H1532–33, H1533, H1551, H1551–52 and H1552–53.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AMERICAN INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: ON-CHAIN TOOLS FOR AN OFF-CHAIN WORLD

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development held a hearing entitled “American Innovation

and the Future of Digital Assets: On-Chain Tools for an Off-Chain World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MEMBER DAY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gillen and Moskowitz.

## APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE; CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE; GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on Government Accountability Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Government Publishing Office. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States; Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

## MEMBER DAY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ramirez, Gillen, Waters, Hagedorn, and Van Drew.

## GAO'S ASSESSMENT OF THE COSTS OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ACROSS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “GAO's Assessment of the Costs of Deferred Maintenance Across the Federal Government”. Testimony was heard from Dave Marroni, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.

## PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## 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 Colby Jenkins, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and General Bryan P. Fenton, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

## U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region”. Testimony was heard from General Xavier Brunson, U.S. Army, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea; John Noh, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense For Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and Admiral Samual Paparo, U.S. Navy, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

## FY26 STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE HEARING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY26 Strategic Forces Posture Hearing”. Testimony was heard from General Anthony Cotton, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; John Hill, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and General Stephen Whiting, Commander, U.S. Space Command.

## A REVIEW OF MILITARY FOOD PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “A Review of Military Food Programs”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Christopher Mohan, Deputy Commanding General for Army Materiel Command; Vice Admiral Scott Gray, Commander for Navy Installations Command; Horace Larry, Director of Air Force Services; and Major General Jason Woodworth, Commander of Marine Corps Installations Command.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 2617, H.R. 2616, H.R. 2262, H.R. 2270, and H. Res. 237 were ordered reported, as amended.

## CONVERTING ENERGY INTO INTELLIGENCE: THE FUTURE OF AI TECHNOLOGY, HUMAN DISCOVERY, AND AMERICAN GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Converting Energy into Intelligence: the Future of AI Technology, Human Discovery, and American Global Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## AMERICAN INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: ALIGNING THE U.S. SECURITIES LAWS FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence held a hearing entitled “American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: Aligning the U.S. Securities Laws for the Digital Age”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a 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; H.R. 2683, 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. H.R. 747, H.R. 1998, H.R. 1422, H.R. 2683, and H.R. 260 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2635, H.R. 2503, H.R. 2619, and H.R. 2643 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a 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 H.R. 2659, the “Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act”. H.R. 275, H.R. 881, and H.R. 1608 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 820, H.R. 1327, H.R. 1508, H.R. 1569, H.R. 2116, H.R. 2139, H.R. 2158, H.R. 2285, and H.R. 2659 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS: MAGNET FOR MIGRANTS, COVER FOR CRIMINALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Sanctuary Jurisdictions: Magnet for Migrants, Cover for Criminals”. Testimony was heard from Dale Wagner, Sheriff, Adams County, Washington; and public witnesses.

## ENDING LAWFARE AGAINST WHISTLEBLOWERS WHO PROTECT CHILDREN

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “Ending Lawfare Against Whistleblowers Who Protect Children”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 276, the “Gulf of America Act of 2025”; H.R. 677, the “Expedited Appeals Review Act”; H.R. 845, the “Pet and Livestock Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 900, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2025”; H.R. 1098, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; 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. 1665, the “DIGITAL Applications Act”; and H.R. 1681, the “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act”. H.R. 276, H.R. 677, H.R. 845, H.R. 900, and H.R. 1098 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 972, H.R. 1043, H.R. 1665, and H.R. 1681 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## RESTORING TRUST IN FDA: ROOTING OUT ILLICIT PRODUCTS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring Trust in FDA: Rooting Out Illicit Products”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a 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. H. Res. 187 and H. Res. 186 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## SENATE AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISHING THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2034

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a 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. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of 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. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 14. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides that each day during the period from April 9, 2025, through September 30, 2025, shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622) with respect to a joint resolution terminating a national emergency declared by the President on April 2, 2025. Testimony was heard from Chairman Arrington and Representative Boyle of Pennsylvania.

## AMERICA BUILDS: A REVIEW OF OUR NATION'S TRANSIT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “America Builds: A Review of Our Nation’s Transit Policies and Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 913, the “Streamlining Aviation for Eligible Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 980, the “Modernizing the Veterans On-Campus Experience Act of 2025”; H.R. 1364, the “ASSIST Act of 2025”; H.R. 1458, the “VETS Opportunity Act of 2025”; H.R. 1527, the “Re-forming Education for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1793, the “Veterans Readiness and Employment Transparency Act of 2025”; H.R. 1815, the “VA Home

Loan Program Reform Act”; H.R. 1872, the “Fairness in Veterans’ Education Act”; H.R. 1960, the “Simplifying Veterans Assistance Act of 2025”; and H.R. 1423, the “Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2025”. H.R. 913, H.R. 980, H.R. 1423, H.R. 1458, and H.R. 1960 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 1364, H.R. 1527, H.R. 1793, H.R. 1872, and H.R. 1815 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup on H.R. 530, the “ACES Act”; H.R. 647, the “Ensuring Veterans’ Final Resting Place Act of 2025”; H.R. 1286, the “Simplifying Forms for Veterans Claims Act”; H.R. 1578, the “Veterans Claims Education Act of 2025”; H.R. 2201, the “Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act”; and H.R. 2303, the “Board of Veterans’ Appeals Attorney Retention and Backlog Reduction Act”. H.R. 530, H.R. 1286, H.R. 1578, and H.R. 2303 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 647 and H.R. 2201 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## EXAMINING DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS' EFFORTS TO DECREASE DELAYS IN VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION CLAIMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Examining VA Efforts to Decrease Delays in Veterans’ Disability Compensation Claims”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Smith, Assistant Deputy Undersecretary, Field Operations and Acting Executive Director, Education Services, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

## THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S 2025 TRADE POLICY AGENDA WITH UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE JAMIESON GREER

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s 2025 Trade Policy Agenda with United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer”. Testimony was heard from Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative.

## Joint Meetings

### GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reducing waste, fraud and abuse through innovation, focusing on how AI and data

can improve government efficiency, after receiving testimony from Sterling Thomas, Chief Scientist, Government Accountability Office; and Brian J. Miller, American Enterprise Institute, Neil Chilson, Abundance Institute, and Andrew Cannarsa, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, all of Washington, D.C.

## FINANCIAL AGGRESSION

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Special Committee on Aging concluded a joint hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Kevin O'Leary, O'Leary Ventures, Miami, Florida; Christopher A. Iacovella, American Securities Association, Tampa, Florida; and Brady Finta, National Elder Fraud Coordination Center, San Diego, California.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea 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 9:30 a.m. in SD-G50, 8 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, John Hurley, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, and David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Landon Heid, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, 10:10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine turning back time, focusing on locking the clock, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Preston Griffith, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, and Dario Gil, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, both of the Department of Energy, and Kathleen Sgamma, of Colorado, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Patrick David Davis, of Maryland, John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, and Brett Shumate, of Virginia, all to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SD-216.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, April 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
9 a.m., Thursday, April 10

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 20, Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters, and vote on passage thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of H.J. Res. 20, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2024. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon after a period of debate.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 22—Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act.

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