

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired) to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2533–S2580

Measures Introduced: Ninety-five bills and sixteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1403–1497, S.J. Res. 48–49, and S. Res. 169–182.

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Measures Reported:

S. 527, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations.

S. 1040, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit product hopping, with an amendment.

S. 1041, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address the infringement of patents that claim biological products, with amendments.

S. 1095, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns.

S. 1096, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1097, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-Fired Instantaneous Water Heaters: By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 207), Senate passed 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”.
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Authorize Representation by the Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 170, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Desmond Bellard v. Ronald Wyden, U.S. Senator*.

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30th Anniversary of the Attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building: Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

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World Quantum Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 175, recognizing April 14, 2025, as “World Quantum Day”, and commemorating and supporting the goals of World Quantum Day.

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Gold Star Wives Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, designating April 5, 2025, as “Gold Star Wives Day”.

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200th Anniversary of Vicksburg, Mississippi: Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and the historical significance of the city.

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Honoring the Life of George Foreman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of the late George Foreman.

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National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 179, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **Pages S2574–75**

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 180, designating the week of April 19 through April 27, 2025, as “National Park Week”. **Page S2575**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 22, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the ‘Six Triple Eight’ Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021. **Page S2577**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Monday, April 14, 2025, at 8:45 a.m.; Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 9 a.m.; Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:45 a.m.; Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 24, 2025, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 28, 2025. **Page S2580**

Message from the President: Senate received the following messages 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 14024 of April 15, 2021, with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–22)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of a Proclamation providing exemption for certain stationary sources from compliance with the final rule published by the Environmental Protection Agency titled “National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Review of the Residual Risk and Technology Review,” 89 FR 38508 (Rule), which amended the preexisting Mercury and Air Toxics Standards rule to make it more stringent; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–23)

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Perdue Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China. **Pages S2552–53**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, April 11, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 28, 2025. **Page S2580**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2552**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Pages S2552–53**

Stephens Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. **Page S2553**

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 David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China. **Page S2553**

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Barrack Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey. **Page S2553**

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Fertitta Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination 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. **Page S2553**

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

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on April 10, 2025, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 28, 2025.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 209), Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2024.

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 208), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 59 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 211), Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired) to be Major General in the Regular Air Force.

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

By 59 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 210), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 60 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 213), Lieutenant General John D. Caine (Retired) to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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

By 60 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 212), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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

Kathleen Sgamma, of Colorado, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, which was sent to the Senate on February 11, 2025.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—213)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025 and adjourned at 2:06 a.m., on Friday, April 11, 2025, until 8:45 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2580.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and 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, after receiving testimony from Admiral Samuel J. Paparo Jr., USN, Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command, and General Xavier T. Brunson, USA, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LOCKING THE CLOCK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine turning back time, focusing on locking the clock, after receiving testimony from Senator Scott (FL); Scott

Yates, Lock the Clock, Denver, Colorado; Jay Karen, National Golf Course Owners Association, Charleston, South Carolina; Karin Johnson, University of Massachusetts Chan School of Medicine—Baystate, Springfield; and David Harkey, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, who was introduced by Senator McCormick, and Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who was introduced by former Senator Portman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Patrick David Davis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 100 public bills, H.R. 2807–2906; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 92–93; H. Con. Res. 26–27; and H. Res. 323–331, were introduced. **Pages H1595–H1600**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6103**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Michael Gossett, Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas. **Page H1567**

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 concurred in 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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 100. Consideration began yesterday, April 9th. **Pages H1579–80**

H. Res. 313, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 14) was agreed to yesterday, April 9th.

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act: The House passed H.R. 22, to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in

elections for Federal office, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 102.

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Rejected the Johnson (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration by a yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 101. **Pages H1580–81**

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 Tuesday, April 8th.

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, April 10, 2025, through Sunday, April 27, 2025, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of rule 1. **Page H1586**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative McCaul, Chair; Representatives Valadao, Gimenez, Ciscomani and De La Cruz. **Page H1595**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1580, H1580–81 and H1581.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Education and Workforce: On April 9, 2025, Full Committee held a business meeting on subcommittee assignments. Subcommittee assignments were approved.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,

APRIL 14, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:45 a.m., Monday, April 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Monday, April 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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