

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2789–S2805*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1632–1669, and S. Res. 207. **Pages S2798–S2800**

#### Measures Passed:

**Bank Merger Act Applications:** By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 237), Senate passed S.J. Res. 13, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act.

**Pages S2789–92, S2793–96**

**Grand Ole Opry 100th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry. **Page S2793**

**Addressing the Homework Gap Through the E-Rate Program, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Genius Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2025, Senate resume consideration of S.J. Res. 7, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to “Addressing the Homework Gap Through the E-Rate Program”, that at 11:15 a.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; that following disposition of S.J. Res. 7, Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 60, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles”, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that upon disposition of H.J. Res. 60, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2805**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, with respect to the Central African Republic; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–24)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–25)

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

Janette Nesheiwat, of New York, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2025.

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#### Measures Read the First Time:

**Pages S2798, S2804–05**

#### Petitions and Memorials:

##### Additional Cosponsors:

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##### Additional Statements:

**Pages S2796–98**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—237)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2805.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 3225–3264; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 395–397, were introduced. **Pages H1908–10**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1911–12**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Williams (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1883**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1889**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m. **Pages H1890–91**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H1894**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, May 5th.

**Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2025:** H.R. 1503, to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 119. **Pages H1894–95**

**DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act:** The House passed H.R. 881, to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 120. **Pages H1891–94, H1895–96**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–2 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 377, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 276) and (H.R. 881) was agreed to yesterday, May 6th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 8th. **Page H1896**

**Presidential Messages:** Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–48). **Page H1900**

Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004—as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012, and Executive Order 13608 of May 1, 2012 is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–49). **Pages H1900–01**

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 12 was held at the desk. **Page H1890**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1890.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1894–95 and H1895.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Brooke Rollins, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Army. Testimony was heard from Daniel Driscoll, Secretary, Department of the Army; and General Randy George, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Chris Wright, Secretary, Department of Energy.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Cam Hamilton, Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### **NUCLEAR FORCES AND ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities Programmatic Updates”. Testimony was heard from Teressa Robbins, Acting Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Brandi C. Vann, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; Andrea Yaffe, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Department of

Defense; Lieutenant General Andrew J. Gebara, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration; and Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, U.S. Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs.

### **UPDATE ON AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Update on Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General David H. Tabor, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, U.S. Air Force; and Darlene J. Costello, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

### **THE FISCAL STATE OF THE NATION**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal State of the Nation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **BEYOND THE IVY LEAGUE: STOPPING THE SPREAD OF ANTISEMITISM ON AMERICAN CAMPUSES**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Ivy League: Stopping the Spread of Antisemitism on American Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Scott Bessent, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

### **PROTECTING OUR EDGE: TRADE SECRETS AND THE GLOBAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ARMS RACE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Protecting Our Edge: Trade Secrets and the Global AI Arms Race”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CRIMINALIZING AMERICA: THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL OFFENSES AND REGULATORY OVERREACH**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Criminalizing America: The Growth of Federal Offenses and Regulatory Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING THE GROWTH OF THE WELFARE STATE, PART II**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a hearing entitled “Examining the Growth of the Welfare State, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**UNFAIR PLAY: KEEPING MEN OUT OF WOMEN’S SPORTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Unfair Play: Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FROM POLICY TO PROGRESS: HOW THE NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE SHAPES U.S. QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From Policy to Progress: How the National Quantum Initiative Shapes U.S. Quantum Technology Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CLEANING UP THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE: THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Cleaning Up the Past, Building the Future: The Brownfields Program”. Testimony was heard from Lisa Shook, Assistant Chief, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Lance Larson, Analyst in Environmental Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* On May 6, 2025, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 217, the “CHIP IN for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1969, the “No Wrong Door for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1823, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1336, the “Veterans National Traumatic

Brain Injury Treatment Act”; 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. 1815, the “VA Home Loan Program Reform 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. 1041, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; H.R. 1860, the “Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act”; H.R. 1578, the “Veterans Claim Education Act of 2025”; H.R. 2201, the “Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act”; H.R. 3132, the “CHOICE for Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 1107, the “Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act”; H.R. 2625, the “VERY Act of 2025”; and H.R. 658, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration. H.R. 217, H.R. 1969, H.R. 1823, H.R. 1336, H.R. 980, H.R. 1364, H.R.1458, H.R. 1815, H.R. 647, H.R. 1286, H.R. 1041, H.R. 1860 H.R. 1578, and H.R. 2201 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3132, H.R. 1107, H.R. 2625, and H.R. 658 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Obadal, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Sean O’Keefe, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine winning the AI race, focusing on strengthening United States capabilities in computing and innovation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrea

Travnicek, of North Dakota, and Leslie Beyer, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Tristan Abbey, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of William L. Doffermyre, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and Catherine Jereza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Electricity), and Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary (Fossil Energy), both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Callista Gingrich, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambas-

sador to the Republic of Malta, and Leandro Rizzuto, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

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*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled "Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Posture of the Department of Defense", 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, hearing entitled "Spread Freedom, Not Woke Values: An American Agenda for Democracy and Human Rights", 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, May 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 7, Addressing the Homework Gap Through the E-Rate Program, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at 11:15 a.m. Following disposition of S.J. Res. 7, Senate will vote on passage of H.J. Res. 60, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Following disposition of H.J. Res. 60, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1582, Genius Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1:45 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, May 8

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 276—Gulf of America Act.

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