

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2807–S2846

Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1670–1706, and S. Res. 208–214. **Pages S2837–38**

Measures Reported:

S. 612, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. (S. Rept. No. 119–20) **Page S2832**

Measures Passed:

Addressing the Homework Gap Through the E-Rate Program: By 50 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 238), Senate passed 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”. **Pages S2807, S2808–13**

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 239), Senate passed 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”. **Pages S2813–14**

Southeastern Louisiana University’s Centennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, commending Southeastern Louisiana University on the occasion of its Centennial and its years of service to the State of Louisiana and the United States. **Page S2831**

Blinded Veterans Association’s 80th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, honoring and commending the 80th anniversary of the Blinded Veterans Association. **Page S2831**

World Migratory Bird Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, designating May 10, 2025, as “World Migratory Bird Day”. **Page S2831**

Measures Considered:

Genius Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins. **Pages S2814–18**

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

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 240), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2823**

Senator Thune entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2823**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message 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 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–26) **Page S2832**

Crowley Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Monica Crowley, of New York, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Department of State. **Page S2818**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 8, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025. **Page S2846**

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 S2818**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, May 8, 2025, ripen at 5:30 p.m., and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S2846**

Rubinstein Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Pages S2818–19**

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 Monica Crowley, of New York, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Department of State. **Pages S2818–19**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2818**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2818**

Meink Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Troy Meink, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **Page S2819**

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 Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Page S2819**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2819**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2819**

Danly Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Danly, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. **Page S2824**

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 Troy Meink, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **Page S2824**

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 S2824**

MacGregor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S2824**

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 James Danly, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. **Page S2824**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2824**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2824**

Rigas Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Rigas, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. **Page S2824**

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 Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S2824**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2824**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2824**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—240) **Pages S2813–14, S2823**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:52 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2846.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AI RACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine winning the AI race, focusing on strengthening United States capabilities in computing and innovation, after receiving testimony from Sam Altman, OpenAI, San Francisco, California; Lisa Su, Advanced Micro Devices Inc., Austin, Texas; Michael Intrator, CoreWeave, Livingston, New Jersey; and Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

NOMINATION

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Leah Campos, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Charles Kushner, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Edward Walsh, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Ireland, and Joseph Popolo, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Collins, Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, who was introduced by Senators Cornyn and Cruz, 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, and Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, who were both introduced by Senator Scott (FL), 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, who was introduced by Senator Lee, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 3265–3315; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 398–402, were introduced. **Pages H1942–44**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1945–46**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, South Carolina. **Page H1913**

Gulf of America Act: The House passed H.R. 276, to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America”, by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 122. **Pages H1914–21**

Rejected the Huffman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources by a yea-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 121. **Page H1921**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1914**

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

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow, May 9th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, May 13th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1921**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II: The House agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 12, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II. **Pages H1921–22**

Presidential Message: Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency with respect to Yemen in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–50). **Page H1927**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1920–21 and H1921.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Testimony was heard from Bridget Bean, Acting Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POSTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Posture of the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Matty, Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, Department of Defense; and Katie Arrington, Performing the Duties of Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense.

SPREAD FREEDOM, NOT WOKE VALUES: AN AMERICAN AGENDA FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Western Hemisphere Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Spread Freedom, Not Woke Values: An American Agenda for Democracy and Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from former Member Tom Malinowski; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Monica Crowley, of New York, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Department of State, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Friday, May 9

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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