

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2937–S2956

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1772–1798, S.J. Res. 51–54, and S. Res. 231–233.

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Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Teachers of the United States: Senate agreed to S. Res. 231, recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.

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National Brain Tumor Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 232, designating May 2025 as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”.

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Congratulating the University of Florida Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, commending and congratulating the University of Florida men’s basketball team for winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men’s Basketball Championship.

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Measures Considered:

El Salvador’s Human Rights Practices: By 45 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate did not agree to the motion to discharge S. Res. 195, requesting information on El Salvador’s human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

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Genius Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 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. **Page S2948**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2947**

Kushner Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of 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. **Page S2947**

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 15, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 19, 2025. **Page S2947**

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 S2947**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 19, 2025; provided further, notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on May 15, 2025, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 19, 2025, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S2955**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Messages from the House: **Page S2949**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2955

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—259) Pages S2941, S2947

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:16 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2955.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Sean P. Duffy, Secretary of Transportation.

DOD AND FOREIGN MILITARY SALES SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense responsibilities related to Foreign Military Sales system and international armaments cooperation, after receiving testimony from William Greenwalt, former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, American Enterprise Institute; Keith Webster, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Lisa Saum-Manning, RAND.

PIPELINE SAFETY REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety concluded a hearing to examine pipeline safety reauthorization, focusing on ensuring the safe and efficient movement of American energy, after receiving testimony from Robin Rorick, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.; Andrew J. Black, Liquid Energy Pipeline Association, Ashburn, Virginia; Richard Leger, American Gas Association, Houston, Texas; and Bill Caram, Pipeline Safety Trust, Bellingham, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, and Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 Ambassador 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.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joel Rayburn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), and Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), who were both introduced by Senator Hagerty, and Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Janet Dhillon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 180, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of grant amounts for providing training and resources for first responders on the use of containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances, and purchasing such containment devices for use by first responders;

S. 237, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers;

S. 419, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support law enforcement officers and families;

S. 911, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program;

S. 1316, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement

recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities;

S. 1595, to establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program;

S. 539, to reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1563, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jason Reding Quinones, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 3420–3474; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96–97; and H. Res. 414–423 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2105–06

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1364, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding the inclusion of medically necessary automobile adaptations in Department of Veterans Affairs definition of “medical services”, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–96).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. John Cross, First Sarasota Baptist Church, Sarasota, FL.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 2255, to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 130.

Pages H2067–71, H2077–78

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

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H. Res. 405, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2240), (H.R. 2243), and (H.R. 2255) was agreed to yesterday, May 14th.

Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act: The House passed H.R. 2240, to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, by a ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 131.

Pages H2071–77, H2078–79

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

Pages H2071–72

H. Res. 405, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2240), (H.R. 2243), and (H.R. 2255) was agreed to yesterday, May 14th.

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, May 15, 2025, through Sunday, May 18, 2025, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of rule 1.

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Senate Referrals: S. 195 was held at the desk. S. 260 was held at the desk. S. 1596 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2071.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2077–78 and H2078–79.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Doug Collins, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was heard from Pete Flores, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Andrew Ferguson, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Lori Chavez-DeRemer, Secretary, Department of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Lee Zeldin, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE ENTERPRISE POSTURE HEARING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “Defense Intelligence Enterprise Posture Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Dustin J. Gard-Weiss, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General William J. Hartman, Acting Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and Performing the Duties of Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Kruse, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

RECLAIMING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSION: ENSURING SAFETY WITHOUT OVERREACH

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Reclaiming OSHA’s Mission: Ensuring Safety Without Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING TREASURY MARKET FRAGILITIES AND PREVENTATIVE SOLUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity held a hearing entitled “Examining Treasury Market Fragilities and Preventative Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IN DEFENSE OF DEFENSIVE MEASURES: REAUTHORIZING CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACTIVITIES THAT UNDERPIN U.S. NATIONAL CYBER DEFENSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “In Defense of Defensive Measures: Reauthorizing Cybersecurity Information Sharing Activities that Underpin U.S. National Cyber Defense”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIX OUR FORESTS: HOW IMPROVED LAND MANAGEMENT CAN PROTECT COMMUNITIES IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Fix Our Forests: How Improved Land Management Can Protect Communities in the Wildland-Urban Interface”. Testimony was heard from Aniel R. Munsey, Fire Chief, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, California; Neil Chapman, Wildland Fire Captain, Flagstaff, Arizona; and public witnesses.

FROM DETECTION TO DEFLECTION: EVALUATING NASA'S PLANETARY DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “From Detection to Deflection: Evaluating NASA’s Planetary Defense Strategy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A SMALL PART IN A BIG COMPANY: EXAMINING THE POWER OF FRANCHISING IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Small Part in A Big Company: Examining the Power of Franchising in the American Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024: AN
UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION ONE YEAR
LATER**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024: An Update on Implementation One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from Derrick Collins, Director, Physical Infrastructure, United States Government Accountability Office and the following Department of Transportation officials: Jodi Baker, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration; Wayne Heibeck, Deputy Associate Administrator, Airports, Federal Aviation Administration; and Franklin McIntosh, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AFFAIRS BUDGET
REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND
2027 ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Advance Appropriations”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Collins, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**DETERRENCE AMID RISING TENSIONS:
PREVENTING CCP AGGRESSION ON
TAIWAN**

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Deterrence Amid Rising Tensions: Preventing CCP Aggression on Taiwan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY,
MAY 17, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2026 Review of the Department of Defense’s Cyber Posture”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, markup on legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Saturday, May 17

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 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, and vote on the motion to invoke censure thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Saturday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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