

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S3017–S3097*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1824–1854, and S. Res. 239–245. **Pages S3057–58**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 283, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. (S. Rept. No. 119–24) **Page S3056**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards:** By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 275), Senate passed S.J. Res. 55, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to “Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Fuel System Integrity of Hydrogen Vehicles; Compressed Hydrogen Storage System Integrity; Incorporation by Reference”, after the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration, and agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S3025–51**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S3025**

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate voted in the affirmative to the question of the Chair that points of order be in order under the Congressional Review Act. Subsequently, Thune point of order that points of order are in order under the Congressional Review Act given sections 802(d)(1), 802(d)(2) and 802(d)(4) are in conflict with one another, was sustained. (By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 265), Senate earlier failed to table the question of the Chair.) **Pages S3048–51**

Senate sustains the ruling of the Chair that two points of order cannot be pending at the same time.

Subsequently, Schumer point of order that points of order are not in order under Section 802(d)(1) of the Congressional Review Act, was not sustained, and thus the point of order was ruled out of order. (By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 266), Senate earlier tabled the appeal to the ruling of the Chair.)

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By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate rejected the motion to recess the Senate for 90 minutes.

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By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate rejected the motion to recess the Senate for 60 minutes.

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By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate rejected the motion to recess the Senate for 30 minutes.

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By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 270), Senate rejected the motion to recess the Senate for 15 minutes.

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By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate rejected the motion to recess the Senate for 10 minutes.

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By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate rejected the motion to adjourn.

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By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 274), Senate voted in the affirmative to the question of the Chair that joint resolutions that meet all requirements of Section 802 of the Congressional Review Act or are disapproving of agency actions which have been determined to be a rules subject to the Congressional Review Act by a legal decision from the Government Accountability Office, be entitled to expedited procedures under the Congressional Review Act. Subsequently, Thune point of order that joint resolutions that meet all the requirements of Section 802 of the Congressional Review Act or are disapproving of agency actions which have been determined to be rules subject to the CRA by a legal decision from GAO, are entitled to expedited procedures under the Congressional Review Act, was sustained. **Page S3051**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Genius Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking

action on the following amendment proposed thereto:  
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Pending:

Thune (for Ricketts/Lummis) Amendment No. 2228, to provide for expedited certification of existing regulatory regimes. **Page S3025**

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

By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S3017–25**

**California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 88, providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Pre-emption; Notice of Decision”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Page S3052**

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 276), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S3052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 22, 2025, and that Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution. **Page S3086**

**Appointments:**

**Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 119th Congress: Senator Cramer. **Page S2052**

**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S3056–57**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Fourteen record votes were taken today. (Total—276) **Pages S3024–25, S3048–52**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, and adjourned at 1:21 a.m., on Thursday, May 22, 2025, until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3086.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dudley Hoskins, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, and Devon Westhill, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wright, Secretary of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Kelly Loeffler, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

## YEMEN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on an update on Yemen from Katherine Thompson, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, Erik A. Olson, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, and Christopher J. Almont, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Iraq, Egypt, and the Levant, both of the Defense Intelligence Agency, General Michael E. Kurilla, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, and Vice Admiral Frank M. Bradley, USN, Commander, Joint Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

## DOD INFORMATION NETWORK

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded open and closed hearings to examine defense of the Department of Defense Information Network, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Paul T. Stanton, USA, Commander, Joint Force Headquarters—Department of Defense Information Network, and Director, Defense Information Systems Agency.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 190, to enhance the operations of the North Pacific Research Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 318, to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 337, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration relating to the shipping of household goods;

S. 503, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service;

S. 1092, to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1442, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow for eligibility for projects for the installation of human trafficking awareness signs at rest stops, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1523, to modify operations of the National Water Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, with an amendment; and

The nominations of David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, and promotions in the Coast Guard.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Tina Pierce, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, all of the Department of Energy, and Ned Mamula, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

## EPA BUDGET

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lee Zeldin, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

## COVID-19 VACCINES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine science and Federal health agencies, focusing on Myocarditis and other events associated with the COVID-19 vaccines, after receiving testimony from Hawaii Governor John Green, Honolulu; Peter A. McCullough, McCullough Foundation, Dallas, Texas; Jordan Vaughn, Microvascular Research Foundation, Birmingham, Alabama; Joel Wallskog, React 19, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Aaron Siri, Siri and Glimstad, LLP, New York, New York; and James A. Thorp, Gulf Breeze, Florida.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of higher education, after receiving testimony from Andrew Gillen, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; Michael Lindsay, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana; Mark Brown, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama; Mike Pierce, Student Borrower Protection Center, Atlanta, Georgia; and Russell Lowery-Hart, Austin Community College District, Austin, Texas.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General, Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senator Moreno, Joseph Edlow, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senator Moody, and John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, who was introduced by Senator Tillis, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## DEEPFAKES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded a hearing to examine AI-generated deepfakes, after receiving testimony from Mitch Glazier, Recording Industry Association of America, Christen Price, National Center on Sexual Exploitation, and Justin Brookman, Consumer Reports, all of Washington, D.C.; Suzana Carlos, YouTube, New York, New York; and Martina McBride, Nashville, Tennessee.

## AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine fueling America's manufacturing comeback, including S. 305, to authorize small business loans to finance access to modern business software, S. 1555, to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, and S. 1593, to exempt small business concerns from duties imposed pursuant to the national emergency declared on April 2, 2025, by the President, after receiving testimony from Kelly Loeffler, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

## LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 214, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, S. 219, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing veterans the ability to choose health care providers, S. 506, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to coordinate, navigate, and manage care and benefits for veterans enrolled in both the Medicare program and the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 585,

to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pre-transition health care registration process to facilitate enrollment in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs by members of the Armed Forces who are separating from the Armed Forces, S. 599, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, S. 605, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, S. 635, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 649, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 778, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 784, to expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, S. 800, to modify the Precision Medicine for Veterans Initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 827, to extend and modify the transportation grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 879, to expand medical, employment, and other benefits for individuals serving as family caregivers for certain veterans, S. 1318, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, S. 1320, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, S. 1441, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, S. 1533, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent and codify the pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 1543, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and S. 1591, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department, after receiving testimony from

Thomas O'Toole, Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Veterans Health Administration, Kenneth Smith, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Operations Management, Office of Field Operations, Acting Executive Director, Education Services, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Phillip W. Christy, Acting Principal Executive Director and Chief Acquisition Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Morgan Brown,

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Brian Dempsey, Wounded Warrior Project, and Jon Retzer, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 3527–3573; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 435, 437–441, were introduced. **Pages H2359–61**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2362–63**

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

H.R. 2987, to amend the Small Business Act to require a limit on the number of small business lending companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–107);

H.R. 1163, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–108, Part 1);

H.R. 2027, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to headquarters to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–109);

H.R. 2931, to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate certain offices of the Small Business Administration in sanctuary jurisdictions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–110);

H.R. 2965, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to ensure that the small business regulatory budget for a small business concern in a fiscal year is not greater than zero, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–111);

H.R. 2966, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–112); and

H. Res. 436, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14 (H. Rept. 119–113).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Connolly, the whole number of the House is 432.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 11:07 p.m.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Aguilar motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 138.

**Pages H2219–20**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the Honorable Gerald E. Connolly.

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*Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act”:* The House passed S.J. Res. 31, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 143.

**Pages H2212–17, H2234–35**

H. Res. 426, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 13) and (S.J. Res. 31) was agreed to Tuesday, May 20th.

*Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Gerald E. Connolly:* The House agreed to H. Res. 435, Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Gerald E. Connolly.

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*One Big Beautiful Bill Act:* The House H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14, by a yea-and-nay vote 215 yeas to 214 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 145.

**Pages H2220–58**

Rejected the Trahan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 144.

**Pages H2356–57**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–3, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 119–106, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 436, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 142, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 141. Earlier, the House agreed to the question of consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 140. The House also agreed to the question of consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 139.

**Pages H2221–22, H2224, H2232–34**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, May 19th.

*Strategic Ports Reporting Act:* H.R. 1701, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to monitor efforts by the People’s Republic of China to build or buy strategic foreign ports.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 20th.

*No Wrong Door for Veterans Act:* H.R. 1969, amended, to amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**Communication from the Clerk:** The Chair laid before the House a communication from the Clerk of the House. Pursuant to section 1(k) of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, and section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, the Clerk transmitted a notification that the following individuals each have

signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after they are no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Conduct: Karen L. Haas, Grace Liberman, Bill Luther, Lorraine C. Miller, Lynn A. Westmoreland, Omar Ashmawy, Indhira Benitez, Docktrel Cromartie, Kristina Crump, Helen Eisner, Jean-Paul Theroux, Peter Tilly, and Amber Venzon. Copies of the signed agreements will be retained by the Office of the Clerk.

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**Work Period Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, May 22, 2025, through Monday, June 2, 2025, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of rule 1.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2219, H2221–22, H2224, H2232–33, H2233, H2234–35, H2356–57 and H2357.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 a.m., pursuant to House Resolution 435, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Gerald E. Connolly.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS); BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army of Corps Engineers; Robyn Colosimo, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Scott Cameron, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Exercising Delegated Authority of the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior.

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the Federal Communications Commission. Testimony was heard from Brendan Carr, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Linda McMahon, Secretary, Department of Education.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State and Related Programs. Testimony was heard from Marco Rubio, Secretary, Department of State.

## RESTORING EXCELLENCE: THE CASE AGAINST DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Restoring Excellence: The Case Against DEI”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING WAYS TO ENHANCE OUR DOMESTIC CRITICAL MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Examining Ways to Enhance Our Domestic Critical Mineral Supply Chains”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION AND THE FUTURE OF U.S. LEADERSHIP

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “AI Regulation and the Future of U.S. Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 3394, the “Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act”; H.R. 3381, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2025”; H.R. 3422, the “Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act”; H.R. 3351, the “Improving Access to Small Business Information Act”; H.R. 3395, the “Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act”; H.R. 3343, the “Greenlighting Growth Act”; H.R. 3357, the “Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act”; H.R. 3383, the “Increasing Investor Opportunities Act”; H.R. 3301, the “EGC Draft Registration Statements”; H.R. 3339, the “Equal Opportunity for All

Investors Act of 2025”; H.R. 1190, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 3352, the “Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act of 2025”; H.R. 3348, the “Accredited Investor Definition Review Act”; H.R. 2441, the “Improving Disclosure for Investors Act of 2025”; H.R. 1013, the “Retirement Fairness for Charities and Educational Institutions Act of 2025”; H.R. 3323, the “Helping Startups Continue To Grow Act”; H.R. 1469, the “Senior Security Act of 2025”; H.R. 3382, the “Small Entity Update Act”; H.R. 2225, the “Access to Small Business Investor Capital Act”; H.R. 1900, the “Bank Failure Prevention Act of 2025”; H.R. 3380, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2025”; H.R. 2702, the “FIRM Act”; H.R. 3379, the “Halting Uncertain Methods and Practices in Supervision Act of 2025”; H.R. 3230, the “Financial Institution Regulatory Tailoring Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 940, the “FAIR Exams Act”. H.R. 3394, H.R. 3381, H.R. 3422, H.R. 3351, H.R. 3395, H.R. 3343, H.R. 3357, H.R. 3383, H.R. 3301, H.R. 3339, H.R. 1190, H.R. 3352, H.R. 3348, H.R. 2441, H.R. 1013, H.R. 3323, H.R. 1469, H.R. 3382, H.R. 2225, H.R. 1900, H.R. 3380, H.R. 2702, H.R. 3379, H.R. 3230, and H.R. 940 were ordered reported, as amended.

## FISCAL YEAR 2026 STATE DEPARTMENT POSTURE: PROTECTING AMERICAN INTERESTS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FY26 State Department Posture: Protecting American Interests”. Testimony was heard from Marco Rubio, Secretary, Department of State.

## MASS GATHERING EVENTS: ASSESSING SECURITY COORDINATION AND PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology held a hearing entitled “Mass Gathering Events: Assessing Security Coordination and Preparedness”. Testimony was heard from Donald Barnes, Sheriff-Coroner, Orange County, California; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1163, the “Prove it Act of 2025”; H.R. 1605, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2025”; and H.R. 3486, the “Stop Illegal Entry Act”. H.R. 1163, H.R. 1605, and H.R. 3486 were ordered reported, as amended.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2130, the “Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2025”; H.R. 2388, the “Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act”; H.R. 2815, the “Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act of 2025”; and H.R. 3073, the “Shiwits Band of Paiutes Jurisdictional Clarity Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of South Dakota, Randall, Begich, and Maloy; and public witnesses.

## UNLEASHING A GOLDEN AGE: EXAMINING THE USE OF FEDERAL LANDS TO POWER AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Unleashing a Golden Age: Examining the Use of Federal Lands to Power American Technological Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3490, the “Gerald E. Connolly Esophageal Cancer Awareness Act”; H.R. 2409, the “Guidance Clarity Act”; H.R. 67, the “Modernizing Retrospective Regulatory Review Act”; H.R. 689, the “Full Responsibility and Expedited Enforcement Act”; H.R. 884, to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; H.R. 2096, the “Protecting Our Nation’s Capital Emergency Act”; H.R. 580, the “Unfunded Mandates Accountability and Transparency Act”; H.R. 672, to establish new ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes; H.R. 3095, to direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes; H.R. 1008, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 298 Route 292 in Holmes, New York, as the “Sheriff Adrian ‘Butch’ Anderson Post Office Building”; and H.R. 1009, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 86 Main Street in Haverstraw, New York, as the “Paul Piperato Post Office Building”. H.R. 3490, H.R. 2409, H.R. 67, H.R. 689, H.R. 884, H.R. 2096, H.R. 580, H.R. 672, and H.R. 3095 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1008 and H.R. 1009 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## THE ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1, the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”. The

Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1, the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–3, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the bill or amendments thereto. Testimony was heard from Chairman Arrington, Chairman Rogers of Alabama, Chairman Hill, Chairman Comer, Chairman Green of Tennessee, Chairman Jordan, Chairman Westerman, Chairman Graves, Chairman Glenn Thompson of Pennsylvania, Chairman Guthrie, Chairman Walberg, Chairman Smith of Missouri, and Representatives Boyle of Pennsylvania, Smith of Washington, Waters, Lynch, Thompson of Mississippi, Raskin, Huffman, Larsen of Washington, Craig, Pallone, Scott of Virginia, Moore, Schweikert, Jeffries, Clark of Massachusetts, Aguilar, Green of Texas, Beatty, Dingell, Gomez, Kelly of Illinois, Carter of Louisiana, Bonamici, Goodlander, Tlaib, Jackson of Illinois, Fields, Dean of Pennsylvania, Houlahan, Scholten, Liccardo, Mrvan, Mannion, Wasserman Schultz, Espaillat, Hayes, McClain Delaney, Randall, Castor of Florida, Stansbury, Casten, Balint, Dexter, Davis of Illinois, McGarvey, Whitesides, Goldman of New York, Horsford, Levin, Amo, Correa, Matsui, Garamendi, Courtney, Magaziner, Ruiz, Rivas, Underwood, Johnson of Texas, Kennedy of New York, McClellan, Moskowitz, Larson of Connecticut, Brownley, Adams, Sánchez, Sykes, Takano, Lofgren, Tonko, Gillen, Williams of Georgia, Ansari, DelBene, Cisneros, Brown, Khanna, Lee of Nevada, Sewell, Olszewski, Tokuda, Torres of California, Suozzi, Trahan, Velázquez, García of Illinois, Menendez, Barragán, Carson, Simon, Casar, Thompson of California, McGovern, Budzinski, Bynum, Johnson of Georgia, Pou, Landsman, Beyer, Bishop, Elfreth, Frost, and Titus.

**PUSHING VA FORWARD: REVIEW OF VA'S ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Pushing VA Forward: Review of VA's Adaptive Programs for Disabled Veterans". Testimony was heard from Rachel McArdle, Deputy Executive Director, Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D505)

S. 146, to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions. Signed on May 19, 2025. (Public Law 119-12)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MAY 22, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 2026 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the National Guard and Reserves Forces, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine securing America, focusing on key authorities under the Defense Production Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Julie Hocker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Wayne Palmer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and Henry Mack III, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Labor, Marco Rajkovich, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Kirsten Baesler, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Kevin O'Farrell, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, and Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, all of the Department of Education, 11:45 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, and David Charles Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

**House**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs, South and Central Asia Subcommittee:* hearing entitled "Assessing the Terror Threat Landscape in South and Central Asia and Examining Opportunities for Cooperation", 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Africa Subcommittee, hearing entitled "A Dire Crisis in Sudan: A Global Call to Action", 9 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, May 22

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 88, California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Thursday's session of the Senate.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Friday, May 23

House Chamber

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

**Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue**

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