

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3239–S3273

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1959–1985, and S. Res. 264–266. **Pages S3254–55**

Measures Passed:

ALS Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 266, designating May 2025 as “ALS Awareness Month”. **Page S3273**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to advise that he is exercising his authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–29)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to advise that he is exercising his authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–30)

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Shumate Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S3247**

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

By 49 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 296), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3247**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 9, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and execute the order of June 4, 2025, with respect to the nomination; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Senate, the cloture motions filed during today’s session of the Senate, ripen following disposition of the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S3273**

Fotouhi Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S3247–48**

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 Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S3248**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3247**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3247**

Vaden Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. **Page S3248**

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Hughes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S3248**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 293), James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S3239–43, S3273**

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 295), John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S3243–47, S3273**

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 294), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3243**

Messages from the House: **Page S3254**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—296) **Pages S3243, S3247**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:09 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3273.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Driscoll, Secretary of the Army, and General Randy A. George, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1397, to require the Secretary of State to establish a quantum cooperation program to enhance international cooperation in quantum information science, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1463, to allow the Secretary of the Interior to enter into memoranda of understanding for the purpose of scientific and technical cooperation in the mapping of critical minerals and rare earth elements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1478, to provide the United States Government with additional tools to deter state and non-state actors from wrongfully detaining United States nationals for political leverage, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1579, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) as international organizations for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act;

S. 1731, to require the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy in response to the global basing intentions of the People's Republic of China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1780, to provide for congressional oversight of security assistance to Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1801, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1883, to require the executive branch to develop a whole-of-government strategy to disrupt growing cooperation among the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which are the foremost adversaries of the United States, and mitigate the risks posed to the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1900, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions;

S. Res. 227, condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on October 7, 2023, against Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all remaining hostages and return them to safety; and

The nominations of Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, and Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant

Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be National Cyber Director, Robert Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and James Percival, of Florida, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Homeland Security, Kevin Rhodes, of Florida, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James Woodruff II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Penny Schwinn, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary, and Kimberly Richey, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, both of the Department of Education, and Daniel Aronowitz, of Virginia, and David Keeling, of Kentucky, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably the nomination of David Charles Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 3744–3793; 1 private bill, H.R. 3794; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 35; and H. Res. 479–481, were introduced. **Pages H2504–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2508**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1948, to authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–139);

H.R. 1373, to require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–140);

H.R. 1182, to require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations relating to the approval of foreign manufacturers of cylinders, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–141);

H.R. 649, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program under such Act to serve whole milk, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–142); and

H.R. 1041, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant crimi-

nal background check system, with amendments (H. Rept. 119–143). **Page H2504**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stutzman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2473**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2481**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H2491**

Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 2931, to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate certain offices of the Small Business Administration in sanctuary jurisdictions, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 153. **Pages H2483–89, H2492–93**

Rejected the Cisneros motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business by a yeas-and-nays vote of 202 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 152. **Page H2492**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 119–130, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2483**

H. Res. 458, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2931), (H.R. 2966), (H.R. 2987), and (H.R. 2483) was agreed to yesterday, June 4th.

Capping Excessive Awarding of SBLC Entrants Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 2987, to

amend the Small Business Act to require a limit on the number of small business lending companies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 155.

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Rejected the Velázquez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business by a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 154.

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

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H. Res. 458, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2931), (H.R. 2966), (H.R. 2987), and (H.R. 2483) was agreed to yesterday, June 4th.

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President transmitting a notice of his intention to designate Duane Townsend (currently Special Agent in Charge, Department of Commerce, Office of the Inspector General) as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, Roderick Anderson, effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message—referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–57).

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Read a message from the President transmitting a notice of his intention to designate Heidi Semann (currently Senior Special Agent with the Office of the Inspector General for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, Rene Rocque, effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message—referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–58).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2492, H2492–93, H2493, and H2494.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUPPORTING FARMERS, STRENGTHENING CONSERVATION, SUSTAINING WORKING LANDS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology held a hearing entitled “Supporting Farmers, Strengthening Conservation, Sustaining Working Lands”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2026. The Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2026 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Howard Lutnick, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Jillian Curtis, Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, Indian Health Service; and Benjamin Smith, Acting Director, Indian Health Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2026 POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2026 Posture”. Testimony was heard from General David W. Allvin, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; Troy Meink, Secretary, Department of the Air Force; and General B. Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Labor”. Testimony was heard from Lori M. Chavez-DeRemer, Secretary, Department of Labor.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 3616, the “Reliable Power Act”; H.R. 1047, the “Guaranteeing Reliability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable

Power Act”; H.R. 3632, the “Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025”; H.R. 3638, the “Electric Supply Chain Act”; H.R. 3157, the “State Energy Accountability Act”; H.R. 3628, the “State Planning for Reliability and Affordability Act”; H.R. 3657, the “Hydropower Relicensing Transparency Act”; H.R. 3015, the “National Coal Council Reestablishment Act”; H.R. 3617, the “Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act”; H.R. 3109, the “Researching Efficient Federal Improvements for Necessary Energy Refining Act”; H.R. 3062, the “Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 1949, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025”; and H.R. 3668, the “Improving Interagency Coordination for Pipeline Reviews Act”. H.R. 1047, H.R. 3632, H.R. 3638, H.R. 3157, H.R. 3628, H.R. 3657, H.R. 3015, H.R. 3617, H.R. 3109, H.R. 1949, and H.R. 3668 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3616 and H.R. 3062 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE: REVIEWING DATA PRIVACY IN TODAY'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Framework for the Future: Reviewing Data Privacy in Today’s Financial System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFTER ASSAD: THE FUTURE OF SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “After Assad: The Future of Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN'S DATA THROUGH THE CLOUD ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Foreign Influence on American’s Data Through the CLOUD Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Government in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PURSuing THE GOLDEN AGE OF INNOVATION: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Sub-

committee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Pursuing the Golden Age of Innovation: Strategic Priorities in Biotechnology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: HOW PRIVATE EQUITY EMPOWERS MAIN STREET

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Investing in America: How Private Equity Empowers Main Street”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF THE COAST GUARD: REVIEW OF COAST GUARD PROGRAMS AND STRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Coast Guard: Review of Coast Guard Programs and Structure”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Kevin E. Lunday, Acting Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “FY 2026 Budget Request for the Military Services”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Melvin Carter, Deputy Commandant for Information, U.S. Marine Corps; Major General Gregory Gagnon, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Intelligence, U.S. Space Force; Lieutenant General Anthony Hale, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Leah Lauderback, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations, U.S. Air Force; and Vice Admiral Karl Thomas, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare/Director Naval Intelligence, U.S. Navy. This hearing was closed.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND AND UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “FY 2026 Budget Request for United States Cyber Command and United States Special Operations Command”. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General James Blejski, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Brigadier General Melissa Stone, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Cyber Command. This hearing was closed.

**FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR
THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION AND DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise held a hearing entitled “FY 2026 Budget Request for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Tamburello, The Senior Official Performing Duties as Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Tonya Ugoretz, Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigations. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings**SUPPLY CHAIN BARRIERS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine barriers to supply chain modernization and factor productivity enhancements,

after receiving testimony from Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Texas A&M University at Galveston Department of Maritime Business Administration; Patrick A. McLaughlin, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Palo Alto, California; Yossi Sheffi, MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Sujai Shivakumar, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 6, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue hearing entitled “American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: From Blueprint to a Functional Framework”, 9 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General at 5:30 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination of Brett Shumate, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 6

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2966—American Entrepreneurs First Act of 2025.

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