

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3453–S3459*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-seven bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2103–2139, S. Res. 287–294, and S. Con. Res. 15.

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#### Measures Reported:

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.

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. **Pages S3466–67**

#### Measures Passed:

**Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 154, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3458**

**Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Access Act:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 282, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3458**

**Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 356, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3458**

**Big Bend National Park Boundary Adjustment Act:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 1112, to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3458**

**Alaska Native Claims Settlement Trust Eligibility Act:** Senate passed H.R. 42, to amend the

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs.

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**Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act:** Senate passed H.R. 43, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations.

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**Apex Area Technical Corrections Act:** Senate passed H.R. 618, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the City of North Las Vegas and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association.

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**Salem Maritime National Historical Park:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2215, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the “Salem Maritime National Historical Park”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Commending the Minnesota Frost:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, commending the Minnesota Frost for winning the 2025 Professional Women’s Hockey League Championship.

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**National Public Works Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 294, designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2025, as “National Public Works Week”.

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**America’s law enforcement professionals:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for America’s law enforcement professionals.

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**C–SPAN 39th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 259, recognizing June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C–SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Memory of the victims of the Pulse nightclub:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 275, honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Zimmerman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel Zimmerman, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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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 Wednesday, June 18, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 23, 2025.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Dabbar Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

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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 Daniel Zimmerman, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Kies Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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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 Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 23, 2025.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 320), Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025.

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By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 321), Rodney Scott, of Oklahoma, to be Commissioner of U.S.

Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S3453–58, S3461–63**

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

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 319), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3453–58**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S3467–69**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Pages S3477–78**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—321) **Pages S3458, S3463**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 3:17 p.m., until 3:15 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3479.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Driscoll, Secretary, and General Randy A. George, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, Department of Defense.

### DOD BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Hegseth, Secretary, Bryn Woollacott MacDonnell, performing the duties of the Under Secretary (Comptroller), and General John Daniel Caine, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### MODERNIZING AMERICA'S RAIL NETWORK

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety concluded a hearing to examine modernizing America's rail network, after receiving testimony from Ian Jefferies, Association of American Railroads, and Clarence E. Anthony, National

League of Cities, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter Gilbertson, Anacostia Rail Holdings Company, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association; and Husein A. Cumber, Brightline Holdings, LLC, Miami, Florida.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wright, Secretary of Energy.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador, Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Luigi Rinaldi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, and Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, all of the Department of State, and Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

### NATO SUMMIT 2025

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine NATO Summit 2025, focusing on an assessment of transatlantic security cooperation, after receiving testimony from Alina Polyakova, Center for European Policy Analysis, and Peter Rough, Hudson Institute Center on Europe and Eurasia, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Berry, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, Andrew Rogers, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and Anthony D'Esposito, of New York, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of Labor, and Andrea Lucas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**BIDEN PRESIDENCY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Biden presidency and the Constitution, after receiving testimony from John C.

Harrison, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Theodore Wold, Claremont Institute's Center for the American Way of Life, Boise, Idaho; and Sean M. Spicer, former White House Press Secretary, Alexandria, Virginia.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025.

***Committee Meetings***

No hearings were held.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
JUNE 20, 2025**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3:15 p.m., Friday, June 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, June 20

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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