

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4433–S4491

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2316–2357, and S. Res. 325–326. **Pages S4456–57**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 119–43)

S. 2354, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. (S. Rept. No. 119–44)

S. 2342, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page S4455**

Measures Passed:

National Anti-Counterfeiting and Consumer Education and Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 314, recognizing the importance of trademarks in the economy and the role of trademarks in protecting consumer safety, by designating the month of July as “National Anti-Counterfeiting and Consumer Education and Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4490**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. **Page S4449**

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 Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement. **Page S4449**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session to consider the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S4448–49**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators Thune and Lankford be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from July 17, 2025, through July 21, 2025. **Page S4488**

Wildfire Emergency Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 350, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. **Pages S4455, S4490**

Divine Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joshua M. Divine, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. **Pages S4433–42**

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 412), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4437**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Joshua M. Divine, Cristian M. Stevens, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Bradley Hansell, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, and John Hurley, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism

and Financial Crimes, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, no earlier than Monday, July 21, 2025. **Page S4440**

Stevens Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cristian M. Stevens, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S4442–43**

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

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 413), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4442**

Lukas Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. **Pages S4442–43**

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

By 49 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 414), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4442**

Hansell Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Bradley Hansell, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security. **Page S4443**

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

By 57 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 415), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4443**

Roth Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. **Page S4443**

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

By 50 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 416), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4443**

Hurley Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John Hurley, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Pages S4443–48**

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

By 46 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 417), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4444**

Cole Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement. **Page S4448**

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, July 17, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2025. **Page S4448**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4448**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4448**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2025. **Page S4490**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

27 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general. **Pages S4490–91**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S4490**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

David Rader, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on February 11, 2025.

Karen Evans, of West Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on March 24, 2025.

Ryan Cote, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), which was sent to the Senate on June 30, 2025. **Page S4491**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—417) **Pages S4437, S4442–44**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4490.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill (S. 2354) entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026".

FREEDOM TO WORK

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine freedom to work, focusing on unlocking benefits for inde-

pendent workers, after receiving testimony from Patrice Onwuka, Independent Women, Bowie, Maryland; Kim Kavin, Imagine Media LLC, Morris County, New Jersey; Kev Coleman, Paragon Health Institute, Franklin, Tennessee; and Timothy J. Driscoll, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, and Karen Friedman, Pension Rights Center, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William Kirkland, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Jack, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Edward L. Artau, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Kyle Christopher Dudek, Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, and Jordan Emery Pratt, each to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 72 public bills, H.R. 4475–4546; 1 private bill, H.R. 4547; and 10 resolutions, H. Res. 588–597, were introduced. **Pages H3472–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3477–78**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 590, relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 119–208). **Pages H3451, H3472**

Guest Chaplain:

The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Lindsay Curtis, Grace Baptist Church, Norwalk, CT. **Page H3371**

Digital Asset Market Clarity Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 3633, to provide for a system of regulation of the offer and sale of digital commodities by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 294 yeas to 134 nays, Roll No. 199. **Pages H3373–3405, H3449**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–6, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 119–199, shall be considered as adopted, In lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Pages H3373–97**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4016), (H.R. 3633), (H.R. 1919), and (S. 1582) was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act: The House passed S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins,

by a yea-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 122 nays, Roll No. 200. **Pages H3405–27, H3449–50**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4016), (H.R. 3633), (H.R. 1919), and (S. 1582) was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act: The House passed H.R. 1919, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit the Federal reserve banks from offering certain products or services directly to an individual, to prohibit the use of central bank digital currency for monetary policy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 201. **Pages H3427–34, H3450**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H3427–28**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4016), (H.R. 3633), (H.R. 1919), and (S. 1582) was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

Recess: The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 10:01 p.m. **Pages H3450–51**

Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 590, relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 203, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 202. Upon adoption of H. Res. 590, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4) with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have agreed to the Senate amendment. **Pages H3451–61**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026: The House passed H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 212. Consideration began yesterday, July 16th. **Pages H3434–48, H3467–68**

Rejected the Kaptur motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 211. **Pages H3435, H3467**

Agreed to:

Joyce amendment (No. 159 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that increases the amount for Heavy Dump Truck, 20T (CCE), Other Procurement, Army Budget Activity 1, Line 7, by \$30 million; decreases the amount for development of the Future Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System, Re-

search, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, Line 75, by \$30 million; and **Page H3444**

Tiffany amendment (No. 293 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that prohibits the expenditure of funds to create, procure, or display any map that depicts Taiwan as part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. **Page H3448**

Rejected:

Davidson amendment (No. 57 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to strike the provision barring the Navy from decommissioning Littoral Combat Ships; **Pages H3435–36**

Gosar amendment (No. 106 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to prohibit funds for BioMADE, a bioindustrial manufacturer that produces lab-grown meat for military bases; **Pages H3436–38**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 111 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to strike funding to Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid programs of the Department of Defense (by a recorded vote of 63 yeas to 365 noes, Roll No. 204); **Pages H3438–39, H3462**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 112 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to strike funding for the Taiwan Security Co-operation Initiative (by a recorded vote of 6 yeas to 421 noes, Roll No. 205); **Pages H3439–40, H3463**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 113 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to strike funding for HIV prevention educational activities in foreign countries (by a recorded vote of 104 yeas to 326 noes, Roll No. 206); **Pages H3440–41, H3463–64**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 114 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to strike funding for the Israeli Cooperative Programs (by a recorded vote of 6 yeas to 422 noes, Roll No. 207); **Pages H3441–42, H3464**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 115 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to strike funding to support the armed forces of Jordan (by a recorded vote of 30 yeas to 400 noes, Roll No. 208); **Pages H3442–43, H3465**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 116 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for assistance to Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 76 yeas to 353 noes, Roll No. 209); and **Pages H3443–44, H3465–66**

Steube amendment (No. 277 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that sought to prohibit all assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (by a recorded vote of 76 yeas to 355 noes, Roll No. 210). **Pages H3445–47, H3466**

Withdrawn:

Miller-Meeks amendment (No. 221 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that was offered and

subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds from being used to reduce the workforce at any active United States Army arsenal; and

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Tenney amendment (No. 287 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–199) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase and decrease Air Force, RDTE to provide \$71M for PE 0401132F, Line 259, C–130J Program, to provide \$70M in NRE for the LC–130J aircraft.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of H.R. 4016, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill, and that the second instruction in amendment number 40 printed in House Report 119–199 be changed from page 39, line 19, to page 40, line 19. **Page H3468**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4016), (H.R. 3633), (H.R. 1919), and (S. 1582) was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Green, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Seventh Congressional District of Tennessee, effective July 20, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, July 21, 2025 for morning-hour debate.

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Discharge Petitions: Representative Meeks presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 462) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 91) relating to a national emergency by the President on April 2, 2025 (Discharge Petition No. 7).

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Representative Meeks presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 518) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2913) to authorize support for Ukraine (Discharge Petition No. 8).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3371.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3449, H3449–50, H3450, H3460, H3460–61, H3462, H3463, H3463–64, H3464, H3465, H3465–66, H3466, H3467, and H3467–68.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:01 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies FY 2026 Appropriations Bill; Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY 2026 Appropriations Bill; and the updated report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2026. The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies FY 2026 Appropriations Bill and the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY 2026 Appropriations Bill were ordered reported, as amended. The updated report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2026 was ordered reported, without amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF JEFFREY EPSTEIN

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate amendment to H.R. 4, the “Rescissions Act of 2025”; and legislation on providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 589) providing for the public release of certain documents, records, and communications related to the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing that the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker’s table H.R. 4, the “Rescissions Act of 2025”, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing that House Resolution 589 is hereby adopted. Testimony was heard from Representatives Diaz-Balart and DeLauro.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D748)

S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances. Signed on July 16, 2025. (Public Law 119–26).

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 18, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government FY 2026 Appropriations Bill, 5:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 104, providing for congressional disapproval under

chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”; H.J. Res. 105, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”; H.J. Res. 106, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”; H.R. 3486, the “Stop Illegal Entry Act”; and H.R. 3898, the “PERMIT Act”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, July 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, July 21

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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