

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4785–S4856

Measures Introduced: Thirty-nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2490–2528, and S. Res. 340–345. **Pages S4817–19**

Measures Reported:

S. 289, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrate to individuals. (S. Rept. No. 119–49)

S. 389, to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 119–50)

Report to accompany 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. (S. Rept. No. 119–51)

S. 1555, to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1703, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve access to disaster assistance for individuals located in rural areas.

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Measures Passed:

Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act: Senate passed S. 911, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program. **Pages S4796–97**

Improving Police CARE Act: Senate passed S. 1595, to establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

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FERC Hydropower License: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 1020, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to com-

mence construction of certain hydropower projects, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4797–98**

Marshall Space Flight Center 65th Anniversary: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 309, commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Marshall Space Flight Center and recognizing its continued leadership in the development of the Space Launch System and human space exploration, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4856**

Hurricane Katrina 20th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 344, observing the 20th anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and recognizing the progress of efforts to rebuild the affected Gulf Coast region. **Page S4856**

Congratulating Oklahoma City Thunder: Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, congratulating the Oklahoma City Thunder on winning the 2025 National Basketball Association Finals. **Page S4856**

Mason Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S4808**

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 Thursday, July 31, 2025. **Page S4808**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4808**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4808**

Lucas Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrea Lucas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2030. **Page S4808**

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 Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S4808**

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Mulligan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration. **Pages S4808–09**

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Woll Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S4809**

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Kent Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education. **Page S4809**

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 David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S4809**

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Gaiser Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Monday, July 28, 2025, ripen, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S4856**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 441), Earl Matthews, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense. **Pages S4785–91**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 443), William Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. **Pages S4791–92**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 442), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4791**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 445), Susan Monarez, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 444), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4792**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 447), Samuel Brown, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs. **Pages S4803–07**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 446), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4803**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 448), Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S4807–08**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Executive Communications:

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 Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—448) Pages S4791–92, S4803, S4807

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4856.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act, after receiving testimony from Nick Friant, Cargill, Inc., Chanhassen, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Kia Mikesh, American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies, Fargo, North Dakota; and Brandon Wipf, American Soybean Association, Huron, South Dakota.

MIDNIGHT HAMMER

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Operation MIDNIGHT HAMMER from Major General Steven G. Behmer, USAF, Deputy Commander, Shaw Air Force Base, and Deputy Commander, Ninth Air Force, Air Forces Central Command, Major General Joseph D. Kunkel, USAF, Director of Force Design, Integration, and Wargaming, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Air Force Futures (AF/A5/7I), Major General Jason Armagost,

USAF, Commander, Eighth Air Force, and Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, and Brigadier General Robert P. Lyons III, USAF, Program Executive Officer for Weapons, and Director of the Armament Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 512 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "ROAD to Housing Act of 2025".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, John Giordano, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Michel Issa, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, Sean O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, and Julie Stuftt, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 4780–4828; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 616–622, were introduced. Pages H3661–64

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3665–66

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Mike Kelly (H. Rept. 119–218);

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (H. Rept. 119–219);

H.R. 1860; to designate Regional Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Care Coordinators to expand the work of the Breast and Gynecologic Oncology System of Excellence at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–220); and

H.R. 1107; to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain health care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to deliver, distribute, or dispense to veterans certain controlled medications via telemedicine under certain conditions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–221).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Robert J. Wittman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore today.

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Senate Referrals: S. 2480 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears on page H3659.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 5 p.m. and adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine a review of the USDA reorganization proposal, 11 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine guardrails and growth, focusing on AI's role in capital and insurance markets, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1691, to limit the use of facial recognition technology in airports, S. 2314, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, S. 2318, to amend the Na-

tional Institute of Standards and Technology Act to require the periodic update to the strategic plan to guide the Manufacturing USA Program to align with the mandatory updates to the National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing, S. 2351, to supplement existing lease authorities available to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to support research, education, and training, and the nominations of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Taylor Jordan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Commerce, Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, Michael Rutherford, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, and Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Audrey Robertson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), and Timothy John Walsh, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary (Environmental Management), both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Jason Evans, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary (Management), Thomas Rose, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, William White, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, and Peter Lamelas, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine finding opportunities for U.S.-Africa partnerships, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2292, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user fee program for over-the-counter monograph drugs, S. 1440, to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to include as an additional right or privilege of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (and their beneficiaries) certain leave provided under title 10, United States Code to commissioned officers of the Army (or their beneficiaries), S. 2398, to reauthorize the Kay Hagan Tick Act, S. 2301, to reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care, S. 1728, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to expand the membership of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to include representatives of employee ownership organizations, and S. 2403, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide a clear definition of adequate

consideration for certain closely held stock, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 854, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 855, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, S. 269, to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system, S. 81, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 861, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, S. 766, to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 872, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 727, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 874, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 594, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 865, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, S. 856, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, S. 850, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and the northern border strategy, S. 848, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and S. 572, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 1498, to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress, the nominations of Pedro Allende, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Congress's role in the regulatory landscape, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joshua D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Eric Chunyee Tung, of California, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William W. Mercer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana, and Stephen Chad Meredith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold hearings to examine protecting and safeguarding Americans' online data, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 275, to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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. 607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an integrated project team to improve the process for scheduling appointments for health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 610, to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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. 654, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an external provider scheduling program to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 702, to require a study on the quality of care difference between mental health and addiction therapy care provided by health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs compared to non-Department providers, 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. 787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a commission to review operations at the Veterans Health Administration and submit to Congress reports with respect to that review, and for other programs, 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. 831, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve telephone communication by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 879, to expand medical, employment, and other benefits for individuals serving as family caregivers for certain veterans, S. 972, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, S. 1139, to amend the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 to modify and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1245, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, 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. 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 Pro-

gram Evaluation in the Department, S. 2392, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and S. 2393, to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri, 4 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine awareness to action, focusing on combating elder abuse and neglect, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination after a period of debate.

Following disposition of the nomination of Thomas Gaiser, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joseph Kent, of Washington, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination after a period of debate.

Following disposition of the nomination of Joseph Kent, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Tyler Clarkson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination after a period of debate.

Following disposition of the nomination of Tyler Clarkson, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, August 1

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in a pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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