

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4955–S5176

Measures Introduced: Seventy-nine bills and fifteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2561–2639, S.J. Res. 71–72, and S. Res. 350–362.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2572, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. (S. Rept. No. 119–52)

S. 390, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians. (S. Rept. No. 119–53)

S. 761, to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States. (S. Rept. No. 119–54)

S. 2587, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. (S. Rept. No. 119–55)

S. 161, to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules relating to the testing procedures used under the New Car Assessment Program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 119–56)

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Measures Passed:

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 361, designating August 16, 2025, “National Airborne Day”.

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Senate Manual for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, to provide for the printing of the Senate Manual for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

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Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) dur-

ing the 119th Congress: Senators Wicker (Chairman), Boozman, Tillis, Rounds, and Britt.

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Mulligan, Woll, and Kent Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education, individually, 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 consultations with the Democratic Leader no earlier than Friday, August 1, 2025.

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Mulligan Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 465), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Woll Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 466), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Kent Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education.

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 467), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Puzder Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S4986**

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 on Saturday, August 2, 2025. **Page S4986**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4986**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4986**

Burch Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Holy See. **Page S4986**

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 Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S4986**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4986**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4986**

Quinones Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jason Reding Quinones, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years. **Page S4986**

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 Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Holy See. **Page S4986**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4986**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4986**

Pirro Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years. **Pages S4986–87**

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

sions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jason Reding Quinones, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years. **Page S4987**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S4986–87**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4987**

Lindberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. **Page S4987**

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 Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years. **Page S4987**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4987**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4987**

Hanson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Catherine Hanson, of South Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S4987**

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 Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. **Page S4987**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4987**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4987**

Arrigo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Arrigo, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic. **Page S4987**

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 Catherine Hanson, of South Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S4987**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4987**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4987**

Cairncross Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be National Cyber Director.

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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 John Arrigo, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

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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. **Page S4987**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4987**

Telle Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

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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 Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be National Cyber Director. **Page S4988**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4988**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4988**

Molinaro Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Marcus Molinaro, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

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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 Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. **Page S4988**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4988**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4988**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, August 1, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Brian Nesvik, of Wyoming, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11 a.m., the motions to invoke cloture filed on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, ripen and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Nesvik; and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Brian Nesvik, Senate execute the order of Thursday, July 31, 2025, in relation to the nomination of Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration. **Page S5171**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 459), Tyler Clarkson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. **Pages S4959–64, S5175**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 460), Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service. **Pages S4964, S5175**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 461), Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages S4955–56, S4956–59, S4964, S5175

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

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 458), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4959**

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 463), Matthew Kozma, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S4965, S5175**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 464), Andrea Lucas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2030. **Pages S4964–65, S4965–79, S5175**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 462), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4964–65**

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Edward Forst, of Florida, to be Administrator of General Services.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—467)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5171.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MARKUP: DOD AND LHHS

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

An original bill (S.2572) entitled, "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026"; and

An original bill (S.2587) entitled, "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Pow-

ers, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary, Amy Henninger, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, who was introduced by Representative Wittman, David Denton, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Benjamin Kohlmann, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Alex Adams, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bryan Switzer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Textiles, Investment, Services, and Intellectual Property), with the rank of Ambassador, Gustav Chiarello III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Michael Stuart, of West Virginia, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Derek Theurer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MAKING HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine making health care affordable, focusing on solutions to lower costs and empower patients, after receiving testimony from Chris Deacon, VerSan Consulting, LLC, Moorestown, New Jersey; Benedic Ippolito, American Enterprise Institute, and Brian J. Miller, Johns Hopkins University, both of Washington, D.C.; Wendell Potter, Center for Health and Democracy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Adam Gaffney, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D798)

H.R. 1815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to take certain actions in the case of a default on a home loan guaranteed by the Secretary. Signed on July 30, 2025. (Public Law 119–31)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, August 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Brian Nesvik, of Wyoming, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11 a.m. Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Nesvik, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

Additional roll call votes are expected throughout Friday's session of the Senate.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, August 1

House Chamber

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



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