

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3944, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5177–S5477*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2640–2679, S.J. Res. 73–74, S. Res. 363–367, and S. Con. Res. 20.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 2651, to increase the supply of affordable housing in America.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Anniversary of the Attempted Assassination of President Donald J. Trump:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, solemnly marking the one-year anniversary of the attempted assassination of President Donald J. Trump, condemning the multiple attempts against the President's life, condemning those who incite violence against political officials, and honoring the victims of the shooting.

**Pages S5181–82**

*Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:* By 87 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 480), Senate passed H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, by the order of the Senate of Friday, August 1, 2025, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Collins (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 3070 (to Amendment No. 3411), to strike a provision relating to hemp.

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Collins (for Shaheen/Grassley) Amendment No. 3430 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of third-party contractors to conduct

medical disability examinations of veterans for purposes of obtaining disability compensation.

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Collins (for Smith) Amendment No. 3025 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require a report on veterans participating in the housing choice voucher program.

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Collins (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3409 (to Amendment No. 3411), to allocate amounts for telehealth for veterans.

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Collins (for Rounds) Modified Amendment No. 3081 (to Amendment No. 3411), to provide for the continuation of National Cemetery Administration surveys.

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Collins (for Rounds) Modified Amendment No. 3082 (to Amendment No. 3411), to address interment schedule availability at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration.

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Collins (for Budd/Shaheen) Amendment No. 3416 (to Amendment No. 3411), to allocate amounts for opioid prevention and treatment programs.

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Collins (for Hawley) Modified Amendment No. 3080 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require reports on facilities at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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Collins (for Rosen/Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 3208 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require a briefing on the current status, path forward, and timeline to construct a new medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Reno, Nevada.

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Collins (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3073 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require a report on New World screwworm readiness and response.

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Collins (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3110 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require an assessment of the feasibility of expanding the agricultural quarantine and inspection program to products entering Hawaii.

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Collins (for Shaheen/Crapo) Amendment No. 3431 (to Amendment No. 3411), to allocate amounts for the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.

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Collins (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3418 (to Amendment No. 3411), to provide appropriations to expedite fiber research on industrial hemp and expand cereal research into mycotoxin risk mitigation.

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Collins (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 3163 (to Amendment No. 3411), to fund activities relating to the suppression and control of Mormon crickets and grasshoppers.

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Collins (for Blumenthal/King) Amendment No. 3433 (to Amendment No. 3411), to limit the availability of funds for canceling large contracts without prior notice and explanation to Congress.

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Collins (for Booker/Tuberville) Amendment No. 3200 (to Amendment No. 3411), to increase funding for rural decentralized water systems.

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Collins (for Moran) Modified Amendment No. 3190 (to Amendment No. 3411), to increase funding for the Healthy Fluid Milk Incentives Program, with an offset.

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Collins (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 3220 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require a report on funding for State homes for Veterans.

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Blumenthal/Padilla Amendment No. 3432 (to Amendment No. 3411), to prohibit the use of funds to reduce services under the Veterans Crisis Line.

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Tuberville Amendment No. 3413 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the efforts of the Secretary to review and implement staffing models at the Department of Veterans Affairs that will ensure timely, high quality delivery of health care, benefits, and other services furnished by the Department.

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By 87 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 479), Collins Amendment No. 3411, in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.)

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By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 481), Mullin Amendment No. 3412, relating to Legislative Branch appropriations.

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 473), Murphy Amendment No. 3447 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require a report on veterans who would have been

reported to the national instant criminal background check system and who die by suicide with a firearm.

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By 42 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 474), Van Hollen Amendment No. 3115 (to Amendment No. 3411), to prohibit funds from being used for reorganization of the Department of Agriculture and to require a benefit-cost analysis on that reorganization, a public comment period, and a public report.

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By 45 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 475), Ossoff (for Duckworth) Amendment No. 3466 (to Amendment No. 3411), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the plan of the Secretary for Department of Veterans Affairs workforce reduction in fiscal year 2026.

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By 14 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 476), Kennedy Amendment No. 3414 (to Amendment No. 3411), to reduce the Agriculture discretionary appropriations by 2 percent across the board.

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By 15 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 477), Scott (FL) Modified Amendment No. 3113 (to Amendment No. 3411), to reduce funding for certain programs under the division making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies.

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By 21 yeas to 75 nays (Vote No. 478), Johnson Amendment No. 3428 (to Amendment No. 3411), to limit disclosures regarding earmarks.

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

By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 472), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and any other applicable budget points of order for the purposes of Merkley Amendment No. 3114 (to Amendment No. 3411) to limit rescissions of funding. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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*National Whistleblower Appreciation Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 340, designating July 30, 2025, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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*American Grown Flower and Foliage Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 367, designating July 2025 as “American Grown Flower and Foliage Month”.

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**Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and the bill was then passed.

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**Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1659, to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Thune (for Coons) Amendment No. 3680, to make a technical correction.

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#### Appointments:

**United States Semiquincentennial Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–196, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Jack Schlossberg of New York, vice David Cohen, and Paul Tetreault of the District of Columbia, vice James Swanson.

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**Puzder Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that approximately 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, August 2, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador; provided further notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 10 a.m., the cloture motions filed on Thursday, July 31, 2025, ripen and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 469), Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

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By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 470), Brian Nesvik, of Wyoming, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 468), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 482), Luigi Rinaldi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

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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. 471), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 483), David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 484), Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Francis Cassidy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Terrence Gorman, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years.

Joseph Gormley, of Maryland, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

Timothy Petty, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John LaValle, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2030, which was sent to the Senate on June 16, 2025

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**Measures Discharged:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Notices of Intent:**

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**Record Votes:** Seventeen record votes were taken today. (Total—484)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5476.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 4829–4871; and 8 H. Res. 623–630, were introduced. **Pages H3671–73**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3674–75**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moore (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3667**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. **Page H3667**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 911 was held at the desk. S. 1020 was held at the desk. S. 1595 was held at the desk. **Page H3667**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H3667.

**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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, August 4

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Saturday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 10 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon after a period of debate.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes throughout Saturday's session of the Senate.

## House Chamber

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

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