

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, En Bloc Nomination Consideration.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6585–S6623

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2797–2806, S. Res. 386–388, and S. Con. Res. 22.

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Measures Passed:

En Bloc Nomination Consideration: By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 517), Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

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Patriot Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 387, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2025, as “Patriot Week”.

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National Voter Registration Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, recognizing September 16, 2025, as “National Voter Registration Day”.

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Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Denise A. Hibay of New York.

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National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, Senate resume consideration of S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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Nominations En Bloc—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the following en bloc nominations:

Jessica Kramer, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dario Gil, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

Brandon Williams, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security.

Tristan Abbey, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Leslie Beyer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

Andrea Travnicek, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Justin Overbaugh, of Florida, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Scott Pappano, of Pennsylvania, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Michael Cadenazzi, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sean O’Keefe, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Michael Obadal, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Katherine Sutton, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William L. Doffermyre, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Matthew Napoli, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Richard Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

Tina Pierce, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of 5 years.

Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Donald Bergin III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs).

John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Daniel Aronowitz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Michael Dodd, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (New Position).

William Gillis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jules Hurst III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Brent Ingraham, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

George Wesley Street, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

Peter Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

Jeffrey Bartos, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the Rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Jennifer Locetta, of Florida, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Dudley Hoskins, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029.

Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Jason Evans, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

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 15 years.

Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Bryan Switzer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Textiles, Investment, Services, and Intellectual Property), with the rank of Ambassador.

Callista Gingrich, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Kimberly Guilfoyle, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Greece.

Christine Toretti, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Peter Lamelas, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Argentine Republic.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the en bloc nominations, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the provisions of S. Res. 377 (119th Congress), a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

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Prior to the consideration of these nominations, 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 en bloc nominations listed in S. Res. 377, authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 519), Stephen Miran, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2012.

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

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 518), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

David A. Bragdon, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Erin Creegan, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Lindsey Ann Freeman, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Zachary Keller, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Matthew E. Orso, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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Messages from the House:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—519)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6623.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5353–5369; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 48; and H. Res. 706, 708–718, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3494, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system and prioritize certain requirements to manage supply chains for medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–273);

H.R. 2721, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a pilot program to furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who

died on or before November 1, 1990, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–274);

H.R. 3427, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–275);

H.R. 528, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a program for Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–276, Part 1);

H.R. 655, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the City of The Dalles, Oregon, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–277);

H.R. 831, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and

for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–278);

H.R. 972. A bill to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–279);

H.R. 1045, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act (H. Rept. 119–280, Part 1);

H.R. 1276, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–281);

H.R. 1676, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the wildlife conservation and restoration program of a State within a certain period of time, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–282);

H.R. 1809, to reauthorize funding to monitor, assess, and research the Great Lakes Basin (H. Rept. 119–283);

H.R. 2290, to provide that the memorial to commemorate the sacrifice and service of the women who worked on the home front to support the efforts of the United States military during World War II may be located on the National Mall, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–284);

H.R. 2293, to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants at aquaculture facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–285);

H.R. 2302, to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–286);

H.R. 2388, to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–287);

H.R. 2389, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Quinault Indian Nation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–288);

H.R. 2400, to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–289);

H.R. 2876, to confirm the use of certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, for public purposes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–290);

H.R. 3176, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System (H. Rept. 119–291);

H.R. 3187, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–292);

H.R. 3857, to amend the Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Authorization Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–293);

H.R. 4285, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to designate an entrance-fee free date in 2026 at National Park Service sites in order to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–294);

H.R. 1047, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–295);

H.R. 4058, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance outreach for the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–296);

H.R. 3668, to promote interagency coordination for reviewing certain authorizations under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–297, Part 1); and

H. Res. 707, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4922) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5143) to establish standards for law enforcement officers in the District of Columbia to engage in vehicular pursuits of suspects, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5140) to lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5125) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to terminate the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1047) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3015) to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy

to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3062) to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–298). **Pages H4308–09**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bice to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4269**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:27 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4272**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Representative Boyle (PA). **Page H4272**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Cuellar, Correa, Vicente Gonzalez (TX), Escobar and Carbajal. **Page H4272**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H4272**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4299**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending the SBIR and STTR programs: H.R. 5100, to extend the SBIR and STTR programs; **Pages H4273–74**

Miracle on Ice Congressional Gold Medal Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 452, to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the 1980 Winter Olympics where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing American morale at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and transforming the sport of hockey in the United States; **Pages H4274–77**

Water Resources Technical Assistance Review Act: H.R. 3427, amended, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all

clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency; **Pages H4277–78**

Courthouse Affordability and Space Efficiency (CASE) Act of 2025: H.R. 3426, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances; **Pages H4278–79**

Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025: H.R. 1107, amended, 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; **Pages H4279–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "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"; **Page H4281**

Prohibiting Automatic Rights to Enter National Territory Act of 2025: H.R. 2334, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify birthright citizenship; **Pages H4281–82**

Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act: H.R. 1860, amended, 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; **Pages H4282–84**

Territorial Response and Access to Veterans' Essential Lifecare Act: H.R. 3400, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assign physicians of the Department of Veterans Affairs to temporarily serve as traveling physicians in the territories and possessions of the United States, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 266; **Pages H4284–85, H4300**

Health Professionals Scholarship Program Improvement Act of 2025: H.R. 3767, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a time frame for the employment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of participants in the Health Professionals Scholarship Program; **Pages H4285–86**

Veterans Readiness and Employment Program Integrity Act: H.R. 3579, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the Veterans Readiness and Employment program of Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4288–89**

Rural Veterans' Improved Access to Benefits Act of 2025: H.R. 3951, amended, to amend the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 and the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 to improve the temporary licensure requirements for contract health care professionals who perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Modernizing All Veterans and Survivors Claims Processing Act: H.R. 3854, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a plan to expand the use of certain automation tools in the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act: H.R. 2034, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements of the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship;

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Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act: H.R. 2701, amended, 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;

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VA Hospital Inventory Management System Authorization Act: H.R. 3494, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system and prioritize certain requirements to manage supply chains for medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Focused Assistance and Skills Training for Veterans' Employment and Transition Success Act: H.R. 4446, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the conditions under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is required to redevelop the individualized vocational rehabilitation plan for a veteran.

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Motion to Discharge Committee: Representative Meeks moved that the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 117, relating to a national emergency by the President on July 30, 2025. The House agreed to the Mast motion to table the motion to discharge by a yea-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 265.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Honoring Our Heroes Act of 2025: H.R. 2721, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to establish and carry out a pilot program to furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who died on or before November 1, 1990; and

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Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025: H.R. 3481, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for electronic communication relating to educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4299–H4300 and H4300.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICING PROTECTION ACT OF 2025; TO LOWER THE AGE AT WHICH A MINOR MAY BE TRIED AS AN ADULT FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO 14 YEARS OF AGE; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS REFORM ACT OF 2025; GUARANTEEING RELIABILITY THROUGH THE INTERCONNECTION OF DISPATCHABLE POWER ACT; NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL REESTABLISHMENT ACT; PROMOTING CROSS-BORDER ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5143, the “District of Columbia Policing Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 5140, to lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age; H.R. 5125, the “District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act of 2025”; H.R. 1047, the “Guaranteeing Reliability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable Power Act”; H.R. 3015, the “National Coal Council Reestablishment Act”; and H.R. 3062, the “Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–2, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4922, the “DC CRIMES Act of 2025”, H.R. 5143, the “District of Columbia Policing Protection Act of 2025”, H.R. 5140, To lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age, H.R. 5125, the “District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act of 2025”, H.R. 1047, the “Guaranteeing Reliability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable Power Act”, H.R. 3015, the “National Coal Council Reestablishment Act”, and H.R. 3062, the “Promoting

Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act". The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4922, H.R. 5143, H.R. 5140, and H.R. 5125 under closed rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each such bill. The rule provides that the respective amendments in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print specified in section 3 of the rule shall be considered as adopted. Each such bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in each such bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate on each such bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees. The rule provides each such bill one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1047, the "Guaranteeing Reliability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable Power Act", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-9 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 3015, the "National Coal Council Reestablishment Act", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 3062, the "Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be con-

sidered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3633, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 1919, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3633; conform the title of H.R. 3633 to reflect the addition of H.R. 1919, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment; and be authorized to make technical corrections, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, page and line numbering, section numbering, and insertion of appropriate headings. The rule further provides that Section 5 of House Resolution 354, agreed to April 29, 2025, is amended by striking "September 30, 2025" and inserting "March 31, 2026". The rule further provides that Section 2 of House Resolution 313, agreed to April 9, 2025, is amended by striking "September 30, 2025" and inserting "March 31, 2026". The rule further provides that Section 4 of House Resolution 211, agreed to March 11, 2025, is amended by striking "for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress" and inserting "during the period from March 11, 2025, through March 31, 2026". Finally, the rule provides that the provisions of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622) shall not apply during the period from September 16, 2025, through March 31, 2026, to a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared by the President on July 30, 2025. Testimony was heard from Representatives Higgins of Louisiana, Garcia of California, Latta, and Menendez.

ADVANCING VA CARE THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled "Advancing VA Care Through Artificial Intelligence". Testimony was heard from Charles Worthington, Chief Technology Officer and Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol Harris, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine AI chatbots, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Examination of the State of the Specialty Crop Industry”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “No More Surprises: Reforming College Pricing for Students and Families”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Appliance and Building Policies: Restoring the American Dream of Home Ownership and Consumer Choice”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “From Gridlock to Growth: Permitting Reform Under the Clean Air Act”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1531, the “PROTECT Taiwan Act”; H.R. 2478, the “Financial Exploitation Prevention Act”; H.R. 3234, to amend the federal deposit insurance act to modify the amount of reciprocal deposits of an insured depository institution that are not considered to be funds obtained by or through a deposit broker, and for other purposes; H.R. 3484, the “Business Owners Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 3682, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Improvement Act of 2025”; H.R. 5262, the “Bank Competition Modernization Act”; H.R. 5270, the “Stress Testing Accountability and Transparency Act”; H.R. 5276, the “Community Bank LIFT Act”; H.R. 5291, the “Merchant Banking Modernization Act”; H.R. 5317, the “Community Bank Deposit Access Act of 2025”; and H.R. 5344, the “Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Program Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology, hearing entitled “Surveying the Threat of Agroterrorism: Perspectives on Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “Maintaining Election Operations in the Face of Natural Disasters”, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Unmanned and Unchecked: Confronting the Rising Threat of Malicious Drone Use in America”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Unleashing Alaska’s Extraordinary Resource Potential”, 10:15 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, hearing entitled “Playing God with the Weather—A Disastrous Forecast”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, hearing entitled “From Protection to Persecution: EPA Enforcement Gone Rogue Under the Biden Administration”, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “A One Year Update on DoD’s Struggling Background Check System”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Pathway to Capital: The Role of SBA Lending in Supporting Main Street America”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Virtue Signaling vs. Vital Services: Where Tax-Exempt Hospitals are Spending Your Tax Dollars”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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**Week of September 16 through
September 19, 2025**

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2296, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senators should expect roll call votes on motions to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 60, Emissions Budget and Allowance Allocations for Indiana Under the Revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update, at 2:30 p.m., and on Senator Paul’s budget resolution at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: September 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Platte Moring, of South Carolina, to be Inspector General, Kirsten Davies, of Tennessee, to be Chief Information Officer, James Mazol, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Derrick Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 17, business meeting to consider the nomination of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Graham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Ethan Klein, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the Office of

Science and Technology Policy, and Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 17, business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to be immediately followed by oversight hearings to examine the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 9:50 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 17, business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas DiNanno, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Leandro Rizzuto, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Anjani Sinha, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Thomas Rose, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Rogers, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the Rank of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 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, Julie Stuft, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Bill Bazzi, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Melinda Hildebrand, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa

Rica, Todd Wilcox, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Diplomatic Security), Riley Barnes, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Dan Negrea, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and William White, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, all of the Department of State, 9:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 17, to hold hearings to examine reviewing recent events at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and implications for children's health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of K-12 education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 18, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Free Speech Protection and Reforming Expiring Authorities", an original bill entitled, "Safer Counter-Drone Authorities", S. 1221, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, S. 2283, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Oklahoma Avenue in Guthrie, Oklahoma, as the "Oscar J. Upham Post Office", and S. 252, to increase access to agency guidance documents, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 17, to hold hearings to examine Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act successes and opportunities at the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9 a.m., SH-216.

September 16, Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine AI chatbots, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-G50.

September 17, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine missing unaccompanied alien children and criminal sponsors, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jennifer Lee Mascott, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Robert P. Chamberlin, and James D. Maxwell II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., and Harold D. Mooty III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Bill Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, David Courcelle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years, and Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney

for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: September 17, to hold hearings to examine using the 504 program to build America's manufacturing future, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 17, to hold hearings to examine strengthening services for veterans with spinal cord injury and disorder, 4 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 16, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

September 17, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 17, to hold hearings to examine drug safety, supply chains, and the risk to aging Americans, 3:30 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: September 18, Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, hearing entitled "USDA's Rural Development: Delivering Vital Programs and Services to Rural America", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Workforce: September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1723, the "Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act"; H.R. 2958, the "Balance the Scales Act"; H.R. 2869, the "EBSA Investigations Transparency Act"; H.R. 2844, the "Michael Enzi Voluntary Protection Program Act"; H.R. 3495, the "Direct Seller and Real Estate Agent Harmonization Act"; and H.R. 5169, the "Retire through Ownership Act", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: September 17, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 2493, the "Improving Care in Rural America Reauthorization Act of 2025"; H.R. 3419, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs; H.R. 2846, 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); H.R. 1262, the "Give Kids a Chance Act of 2025"; H.R. 1843, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to increase transparency in generic drug applications; H.R. 3302, the "Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2025"; and H.R. 979, the "AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Policies to Enhance Seniors' Access to Breakthrough Medical Technologies", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: September 17, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 17, Task Force on Monetary Policy, hearing entitled "Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Pros-

perity: Less Mandates. More Independence", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Fraud in Focus: Exposing Financial Threats to American Families", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled "Unlocking the Next Generation of AI in the U.S. Financial System for Consumers, Businesses, and Competitiveness", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5244, to provide for the authorities of the Secretary of State; H.R. 5245, to provide for the management authorities of the Department of State; H.R. 5246, to provide for the political affairs authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes; H.R. 5247, to provide for the International Security Affairs authorities of the Department of State; H.R. 5248, to ensure the alignment of economic and foreign policies, to position the Department of State to reflect that economic security is national security, and for other purposes; H.R. 5250, to provide for the foreign assistance authority of the Department of State, and for other purposes; H.R. 5251, to provide for the public diplomacy authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes; H.R. 5300, to guide the foreign policy of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5299, to modify and reauthorize the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: September 18, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Invasion of the Homeland: How China is Using Marijuana to Build a Criminal Network Across America", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet, hearing entitled "AI at a Crossroads: A Nationwide Strategy or Californication?", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1366, the "Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2025"; H.R. 2306, the "The Adams Memorial-Great American Heroes Act"; H.R. 2815, the "Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act of 2025"; H.R. 2916, to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 3692, to reauthorize the Young Fishermen's Development Act; H.R. 3872, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals; H.R. 4090, to codify certain provisions of certain Executive Orders relating to domestic mining and hardrock mineral resources, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4256, the "Digital Coast Reauthorization Act of 2025", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 18, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 309, the “National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act”; H.R. 2196, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs; H.R. 4284, the “Small Cemetery Conveyance Act”; H.R. 4386, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to clarify entrance privileges for vehicles with respect to the America the Beautiful interagency pass; H.R. 4467, the “Vicksburg National Military Park Boundary Modification Act”; and H.R. 5131, the “Public Lands Military Readiness Act of 2025”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 17, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Opening Doors to Opportunity: The Promise of Expanded School Choice and Alternatives to Four-Year College Degrees”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “Shaping Tomorrow: The Future of Artificial Intelligence”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled Oversight of the District of Columbia”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 18, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Igniting America’s Energy Future: The Promise and Progress of Fusion Power”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Streaming Success: Small Busi-

nesses in the Age of Digital Influence”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4183, the “Federal Maritime Commission Reauthorization Act of 2025”; H.R. 3962, the “Enhancing Science, Treatment, and Upkeep of America’s Resilient and Important Estuarine Systems Act”; and H.R. 5301, the “Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety Act of 2025”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 842, the “Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act”; H.R. 4313, “Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act”; H.R. 5347, “Health Care Efficiency Through Flexibility Act”; H.R. 5343, the “Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act”; H.R. 5349, the “Tax Court Improvement Act”; H.R. 5346, the “Fair and Accountable IRS Reviews Act”; H.R. 5284, the “Claiming Age Clarity Act”; H.R. 5345, the “Improving Social Security’s Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act”; H.R. 5348, the “Social Security Child Protection Act of 2025”; and Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 17, to hold hearings to examine conspiracy theories, antisemitism, and democratic decline, 2 p.m., 2358C-RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, September 16

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, September 16

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 4922—DC CRIMES Act of 2025 (Pursuant to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 5140—To lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age (Pursuant to a Rule).

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