

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Day of Tuesday, September 16, 2025)

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2826–2853, S.J. Res. 78–79, and S. Res. 397–400.

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Measures Reported:

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, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 400, expressing support for designation of the week of September 14 through 20, 2025, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Wicker/Reed Amendment Modified No. 3748, in the nature of a substitute.

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Wicker (for Ernst) Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3748), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on casualty assistance and long-term care programs.

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Thune Amendment No. 3863 (to Amendment No. 3427), relating to the enactment date.

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Thune Amendment No. 3864 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3748), relating to the enactment date.

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Thune Amendment No. 3865 (to Amendment No. 3864), relating to the enactment date.

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Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Thune Amendment No. 3866, relating to the enactment date.

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Thune Amendment No. 3867 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3866), relating to the enactment date.

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Thune Amendment No. 3868 (to Amendment No. 3867), relating to the enactment date.

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National Emergency Designation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Democratic Leader, no later than Friday, October 10, 2025, S.J. Res. 71, terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy, be discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate proceed to its consideration; that there be 6 hours for debate only, with the time equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, on the joint resolution; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on the resolution.

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Nominations En Bloc—Agreement: Senate resumed 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. Doernermyre, 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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During consideration of these nominations today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 522), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the en bloc consideration of the nominations.

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Senator Thune entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the en bloc consideration of the nominations.

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By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 523), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the en bloc consideration of the nominations.

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By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 524), Senate rejected the ruling of the Chair that the precedents set by the Senate on November 21, 2013, and September 11, 2025, do not apply to the consideration of en bloc nominations. Subsequently, Senator Thune motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was upheld, the threshold for cloture on the en bloc consideration of nominations pursuant to an executive resolution with a calendar number on the Executive Calendar, other than those on Level 1 of the Executive Schedule under 5 USC 5312, or Article 3 judges, is a simple majority.

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By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 525), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the en bloc consideration of the nominations provided under the provisions of S. Res. 377, En Bloc Consideration of Certain Nominations.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nominations en bloc pursuant to S. Res. 377, En Bloc Consideration of Certain Nominations at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2025; and that all time during recess and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nominations en bloc.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—525)	Pages S6670–6671

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6700.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Adam Telle, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers, both of the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, William White, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Sergio Gor, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Herschel Walker, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, James Holtsnider, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Stephanie Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, all of the Department of State.

CDC AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reviewing recent events at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and implications for children's health, after receiving testimony from Susan Collier Monarez, former Director, and Debra Houry, former Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for Program and Science, both of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act successes and opportunities at the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Kennis Bellmard, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Benjamin P. Smith, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Victor Joseph, Tanana Tribal Council, Tanana, Alaska; and Jay Spaan, Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rebecca L. Tabbleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, Lindsey Ann Freeman, and David A. Bragdon, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Matthew E. Orso, and Susan Courtwright

Rodriguez, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, who were each introduced by Senator Budd, and Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MISSING UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine missing unaccompanied alien children and criminal sponsors, after receiving testimony from Chris Clem, retired Chief Patrol Agent, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security, Red Rock, Arizona; Mary Giovagnoli, former Ombuds for Unaccompanied Children at the Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.; and Ali Hopper, GUARD Against Trafficking, Venice, Florida.

504 PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine using the 504 program to build America's manufacturing future, including S. 2659, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Office of Credit Risk Management, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules relating to environmental obligations of certified development companies, S. 2662, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the loan guaranty program, enhance the ability of small manufacturers to access affordable capital, and S. 1555, to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, after receiving testimony from Karl E. Swanson, PCT Ebeam and Integration, Davenport, Iowa; David P. Raccio, CDC New Eng-

land, Wakefield, Massachusetts; Jean Wojtowicz, Indiana Statewide CDC, Indianapolis; and Hilda Kennedy, AmPac Business Capital, Ontario, California.

VETERANS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY AND DISORDER

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening services for veterans with spinal cord injury and disorder, after receiving testimony from Erica M. Scavella, Assistant Under Secretary of Health for Clinical Services, and Manosha Wickremasinghe, Executive Director of VA's Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders (SCI/D) System of Care, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Mandi Bailey, ALS Hope Foundation's Veteran ALS Action Committee, Gulf Breeze, Florida; Mary Ward, The Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Wilmington, North Carolina; Robert Thomas, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cleveland, Ohio; and Shelly Hoover, Clayton, North Carolina.

INTELLIGENCE

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

DRUG SAFETY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug safety, supply chains, and the risk to aging Americans, after receiving testimony from Peter E. Baker, Live Oak Quality Assurance, Austin, Texas; George P. Ball, Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Bloomington; and Brandon Daniels, Exiger, and Ronald Piervincenzi, U.S. Pharmacopeia, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 5419–5447; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 122–123; and H. Res. 729–733, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4273, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user fee program for over-the-counter monograph drugs, and for

other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–300);

H.R. 3157, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to add a standard related to the evaluation of State intermittent energy policies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–301); and

H.R. 3616, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–302).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wittman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4367**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Pages H4373–74**

Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individual to the Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. Philip Darivoff of Short Hills, New Jersey. **Page H4375**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H4386**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, September 15th. 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. **Page H4393**

Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026, Honoring the life and legacy of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 722, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5371) making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 719) honoring the life and legacy of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk, by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 273, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 272. **Pages H4386–93, H4393–94**

District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 5125, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to terminate the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 274. **Pages H4375–79, H4394–95**

H. Res. 707, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4922), (H.R. 5143), (H.R. 5140), (H.R. 5125), (H.R. 1047), (H.R. 3015), and (H.R. 3062) was agreed to yesterday, September 16th.

District of Columbia Policing Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 5143, to establish standards for law enforcement officers in the District of Columbia to engage in vehicular pursuits of suspects,

by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 275. **Pages H4379–86, H4395**

H. Res. 707, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4922), (H.R. 5143), (H.R. 5140), (H.R. 5125), (H.R. 1047), (H.R. 3015), and (H.R. 3062) was agreed to yesterday, September 16th.

Censuring Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and removing her from the Committee on Education and Workforce and the Committee on the Budget—Motion to Table: The House agreed to the Clark (MA) motion to table the resolution (H. Res. 713) censuring Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and removing her from the Committee on Education and Workforce and the Committee on the Budget, by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 276. **Pages H4395–96**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4393, H4394, H4394–95, H4395, and H4396.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1723, the “Tribal Land Sovereignty Act”, H.R. 2958, the “Balance the Scales Act”; H.R. 2844, the “Michael Enzi Voluntary Protection Program Act”; H.R. 2869, the “EBSA Investigations Transparency Act”; H.R. 3495, the “Direct Seller and Real Estate Harmonization Act”; and H.R. 5169, the “Retire through Ownership Act”. H.R. 1723, H.R. 2958, H.R. 2844, H.R. 2869, H.R. 3495, and H.R. 5169 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a 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. 3302, the “Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2025”; and H.R. 979, the “AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025”. H.R. 2493, H.R. 3419, H.R. 2846, and

H.R. 3302 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 1262 and H.R. 979 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002”. Testimony was heard from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

TREASURY MARKET RESILIENCE, AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: LESS MANDATES. MORE INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled, “Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity: Less Mandates. More Independence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee began a 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.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4090, to codify certain provisions

of certain Executive Orders relating to domestic mining and hardrock mineral resources, and for other purposes; H.R. 1366, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2025”; H.R. 2306, 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; and H.R. 4256, the “Digital Coast Reauthorization Act of 2025”. H.R. 4090, H.R. 1366, H.R. 2306, H.R. 2815, H.R. 3872 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2916, H.R. 3692, H.R. 4256 were ordered reported, without amendment.

OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY: THE PROMISE OF EXPANDED SCHOOL CHOICE AND ALTERNATIVES TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Opening Doors to Opportunity: The Promise of Expanded School Choice and Alternatives to Four-Year College Degrees”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie Vanos, Member, School Board, District 6, Orange County Public Schools, Florida; and public witnesses.

SHAPING TOMORROW: THE FUTURE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Shaping Tomorrow: The Future of Artificial Intelligence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STREAMING SUCCESS: SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE AGE OF DIGITAL INFLUENCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Streaming Success: Small Businesses in the Age of Digital Influence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 4183, H.R. 3962, and H.R. 5301 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a 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 the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget. H.R. 842, H.R. 4313, H.R. 5347, H.R. 5343, H.R. 5349, H.R. 5346, H.R. 5284, H.R. 5345, H.R. 5348, and the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

ANTISEMITISM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee received a briefing on conspiracy theories, antisemitism, and democratic decline from James Kirkchick; Izabella Tabarovsky, Wilson Center; and Brian Hughes, USC Shoah Foundation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: 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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the state of K-12 education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the en bloc nominations pursuant to S. Res. 377, En Bloc Consideration of Certain Nominations, post-closure. The roll call vote on confirmation of these nominations en bloc is expected during Thursday's session of the Senate.

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