

# *Daily Digest*

## *Senate*

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S6961–S6993*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2977–2983, S.J. Res. 88, and S. Res. 438–441.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 440, designating September 2025 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.

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**National Community Policing Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, designating the week of October 5, 2025, through October 11, 2025, as “National Community Policing Week”.

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#### **Measures Considered:**

**Continuing Appropriations and Extensions and Other Matters Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2882, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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**Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 2882, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

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**Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amend-**

**ment—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 104, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”.

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 548), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 8, 2025; that all time on the resolution be expired at 11:20 a.m., and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Jennifer Lee Mascott, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, ripen at 2:15 p.m.

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**Resolutions of Disapproval—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, it be in order for the Majority Leader or his designee to make motions to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 105, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”, and H.J. Res. 106, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”, respectively, if the Senate companion measure has been discharged from committee, and for Senator Schiff or his designee to make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 83, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities that have not been authorized by Congress.

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**Tariffs—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 31, 2025, it be in order to discharge the Committee on Finance of S.J. Res. 77, terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Canada, and S.J. Res. 81, terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil, individually, and when discharged, Senate proceed to its consideration; and that there be up to six hours for debate on each joint resolution, with the time equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the resolution.

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 547), Senate confirmed the following en bloc nominations:

David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment).

Michael Boren, of Idaho, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2031.

Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

William Kirkland, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Devon Westhill, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Kirsten Baesler, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

James Baehr, of Louisiana, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joseph Barloon, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador.

Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Gustav Chiarello III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Thomas DiNanno, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Taylor Jordan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

David Keeling, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Ned Mamula, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Brian Morrissey, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Wayne Palmer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Kimberly Richey, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Mary Riley, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Audrey Robertson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

Sarah Rogers, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Michael Stuart, of West Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Craig Trainor, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Leah Campos, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Patrick David Davis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Janet Dhillon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years.

Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Catherine Jereza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity).

Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

David Metcalf, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

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.

Timothy John Walsh, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Herschel Walker, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Richard Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Alex Adams, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Bill Bazzi, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador.

Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Brian Christine, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Melinda Hildebrand, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Julie Hocker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Michel Issa, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Joseph Popolo, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Marco Rajkovich, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2030.

Thomas Rose, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Michael Rutherford, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Jonathan Snare, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2029.

Usha-Maria Turner, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

William White, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium.

James Woodruff II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2032.

Marc Andersen, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jonathan Berry, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

David Brian Castillo, of Washington, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

Bart McKay Davis, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Andrew Rogers, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

David Charles Waterman, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Francis Brooke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

John Giordano, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

David Peters, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Kevin Rhodes, of Florida, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

Anjani Sinha, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Philip Weinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General.

Kurt Alme, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, for the term of four years.

David Barker, of Iowa, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Nicholas Chase, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

John Dever, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

John Heekin, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Macon Hughes, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Lesley Murphy, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Leif Olson, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Brittany Panuccio, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2029.

Daniel Rosen, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Adam Sleeper, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Kurt Wall, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Laura Swett, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2030.

Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

Riley Barnes, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Todd Wilcox, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Arch Capito, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

David Dunavant, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Matthew Harvey, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

David Toepfer, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

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.

David LaCerte, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2026.

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.

Sergio Gor, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

Stephanie Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

James Holtsnider, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—548) Pages S6975–76, S6989–90

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6992.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Noh, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary, Charles Young III, of West Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and William Lane III, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, who was introduced by Senator Blackburn, all of the Department of Defense, and David Beck, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DOD

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine on threats and challenges posed to Department of Defense personnel and operations from adversarial access to publicly available data coupled

with advanced data analysis tools now widely available on the commercial market, after receiving testimony from Joseph W. Kirschbaum, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Justin Sherman, Global Cyber Strategies; John Doyle, Cape; and Michael Stokes, Ridgeline International.

## INDO-PACIFIC

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine combatting the People's Republic of China's behavior in the Indo-Pacific, after receiving testimony from Craig Singleton, Foundation for Defense of Democracies,

and Ely Ratner, The Marathon Initiative, both of Washington, D.C.; and Raymond M. Powell, SeaLight Foundation, Stanford, California.

## DOJ OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 1070, to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities, S. 2126, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 2245, to amend the Digital Coast Act to improve the acquisition, integration, and accessibility of data of the Digital Coast program and to extend the program, S. 2357, to reauthorize the Young Fishermen's Development Act, S. 2563, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, S. 2666, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to estab-

lish a taskforce on unlawful robocalls, an original bill entitled, "PIPELINE Safety Act of 2025", and the nominations of Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine big tech and silencing Americans, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Douglas Troutman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jonathan Greenstein, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Donald Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, and Derek Theurer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine labor law reform part 1, focusing on diagnosing the issues and exploring current proposals, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the United States patent system, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* business meeting to consider the nomination of William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to

be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joshua Simmons, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Peter Metzger, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine closing loopholes that kill American patients, 3:15 p.m., SH-216.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Wednesday, October 8

Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 104, Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment, and vote on passage thereon at 11:20 a.m.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jennifer Lee Mascott, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes on the continuing resolutions and resolutions of disapproval during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
3 p.m., Wednesday, October 8

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.



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