

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6995–S7040*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2984–2992, S.J. Res. 89, and S. Res. 442–443. **Page S7036**

**Measures Passed:**

***Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment:*** By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 549), Senate passed 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”. **Pages S6995–98, S6998–S7003**

***ARTIST Act:*** Senate passed S. 254, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and marine mammal ivory products, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7007–09**

***ANCHOR Act:*** Senate passed S. 318, to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7007–09**

***North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan:*** By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 556), Senate passed 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”. **Pages S7012–16, S7031**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 553), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S7012**

**Measures Failed:**

***Energy National Emergency:*** By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 554), Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 71, terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy, after the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged of consideration, and as provided under the order of October 7, 2025. **Pages S7016–30**

**Measures Considered:**

***Continuing Appropriations and Extensions and Other Matters Act:*** By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 550), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2882, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. **Page S7003**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on October 6, 2025. **Page S7003**

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***Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act:*** By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 551), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026. **Pages S7003–04**

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

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***National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:*** Senate resumed 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 motion proposed thereto:

**Pages S7004–07, S7009–11**

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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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 9, 2025; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of the Senate of Tuesday, October 7, 2025, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

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**Hostilities Not Authorized by Congress:** By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 555), Senate did not agree to the 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, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, pursuant to Sec 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and Arms Control Export Act, and as provided under the order of October 7, 2025.

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**Mascott Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jennifer Lee Mascott, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 552), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined between the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, no earlier than Thursday, October 9, 2025.

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**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Lee Lipton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

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

Karen Brazell, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on June 16, 2025.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—556)

**Pages S7003–04, S7011–12, S7030–31**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7040.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BIG TECH AND SILENCING AMERICANS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Big Tech and silencing Americans, after receiving testimony from Eugene Volokh, Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Sean Davis, The Federalist, and Gene Kimmelman, Yale University Tobin Economic

Policy Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alex Berenson, Garrison, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senator Britt, and Douglas Troutman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

### LABOR LAW REFORM

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine labor law reform part 1, focusing on diagnosing the issues and exploring current proposals, after receiving testimony from Sean M. O'Brien, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Rachel U. Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, and Jennifer Ann Abruzzo, Communications Workers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Marvin E. Kaplan, Jackson Lewis P.C., New York, New York; and Steve Cochran, Volkswagen, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### PATENT ELIGIBILITY RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the United States patent system, after receiving testimony from Mark A. Cohen, Asia Society of North-

ern California, Alexandria, Virginia; Andrei Iancu, Sullivan and Cromwell LLP, Los Angeles, California; David J. Kappos, Cravath, Swaine, and Moore LLP, New York, New York; Mike Lemon, National Retail Federation, and Sue Peschin, Alliance for Aging Research, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard L. Blaylock, Pillsbury, Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, San Diego, California; Steven P. Caltrider, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; and Corey Salsberg, Novartis, East Hanover, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

### NOMINATIONS

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CLOSING HEALTH LOOPHOLES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine closing loopholes that kill American patients, after receiving testimony from Anthony Sardella, API Innovation Center, Chesterfield, Missouri; Tony Paquin, iRemedy Healthcare Companies, Inc., Stuart, Florida; and Andrew Rechenberg, Coalition for a Prosperous America, and Marta E. Wosinska, The Brookings Institution Center on Health Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 5704–5725; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 130; H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 792–798 were introduced.

**Pages H4526–28**

## Additional Cosponsors:

**Pages H4529–30**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3123, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to laws relating to the payment of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that are affected by

death, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–339).

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

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Crystal Carey, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and James Murphy, of Maryland, to be a Member, both of the National Labor Relations Board, and Rosario Palmieri, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Anthony D'Esposito, of New York, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Labor, 9:50 a.m., SD–430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine AI's potential to support patients, workers, children, and families, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, David A. Bragdon and Lindsey Ann Freeman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Robert P. Chamberlin and James D. Maxwell II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Matthew E. Orso and Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Braden Boucek, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years, Dominick Gerace II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years, Jerome Francis Gorgon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, Bryan Stirling, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years, Thomas Wheeler II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years, Thomas Albus, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years, and Adam Mildred, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years, 10:15 a.m., SH–216.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, October 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Friday, October 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 2296, National Defense Authorization Act.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2882, Continuing Appropriations and Extensions and Other Matters Act. Following disposition of S. 2882, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act. Following disposition of H.R. 5371, Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 106, Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan.

Senators should expect additional votes on passage of H.J. Res. 106, and on confirmation of the nomination of Jennifer Lee Mascott, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, during Thursday's session of the Senate.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12:30 p.m.

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