

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7161–S7169

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3017–3018, and S. Res. 457. **Page S7167**

Measures Reported:

S. 582, to provide for the authorized use of Federal vehicle transportation by certain astronauts. (S. Rept. No. 119–82)

Measures Passed:

Internal Revenue Service Math and Taxpayer Help Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 998, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7168–69**

Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 284, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7169**

Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026. **Pages S7162–66**

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 Wednesday, October 23, 2025.

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

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 576), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S7165–66**

Senator Thune entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Appointments:

United States Semiquincentennial Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–196, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Kellyanne Conway of Washington, D.C., vice Tom Walker. **Page S7168**

Lewis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S7166**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026. **Page S7166**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7166**

Moe and Mercer Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 2:20 p.m., on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of William W. Mercer, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of William W. Mercer, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, and Senate

vote on confirmation of the nomination of William W. Mercer at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader no earlier than Wednesday, October 22, 2025; and that the remaining cloture motions filed on October 16, 2025, ripen at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultations with the Democratic Leader on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

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Mooty III Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Senate execute to order of October 16, 2025, in relation to the nomination of Harold D. Mooty III, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer Wicks McNamara, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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

Jennifer Wicks McNamara, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which was sent to the Senate on October 2, 2025

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—576)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7169.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider H.R. 4550, to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, S. 1462, to improve forest management activities on National Forest System land, public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of

Land Management, and Tribal land to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested land, S. 277, to release a Federal reversionary interest and convey mineral interests in Chester County, Tennessee, S. 1680, to designate additions to the Rough Mountain Wilderness and the Rich Hole Wilderness of the George Washington National Forest, S. 2440, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land located in Franklin County, Mississippi, H.R. 197, to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, S. 1262, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest in certain land in the Black River State Forest in Millston, Wisconsin, S. 2548, to designate the Camp Hutchins Wilderness and establish Special Management Areas in the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois, S. 1681, to establish the Shenandoah Mountain National Scenic Area in the State of Virginia, H.R. 1612, to designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, S. 1350, to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, S. 1376, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail, S. 1876, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relocate a memorial honoring the

9 Air Force crew members who lost their lives in an airplane crash in the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests during a training mission on August 31, 1982, S. 638, to amend the Act of June 22, 1948, and an original bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, 9:15 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the Joint Interagency Task Force 401, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine innovation in U.S. housing, focusing on solutions and policies for America's future, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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 establish a taskforce on unlawful robocalls, S. 2975, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the safety of pipeline transportation, S. 2503, to require all aircraft to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast In, to improve aviation safety, 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, 10 a.m., SR-253.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine Hezbollah's Latin American drug trafficking operations, 2 p.m., SD-215.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 21 through October 24, 2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Harold D. Mooty III, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, with a

vote on confirmation thereon at approximately 11 a.m.

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If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 21, business meeting to consider H.R. 4550, to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, S. 1462, to improve forest management activities on National Forest System land, public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and Tribal land to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested land, S. 277, to release a Federal reversionary interest and convey mineral interests in Chester County, Tennessee, S. 1680, to designate additions to the Rough Mountain Wilderness and the Rich Hole Wilderness of the George Washington National Forest, S. 2440, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land located in Franklin County, Mississippi, H.R. 197, to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, S. 1262, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest in certain land in the Black River State Forest in Millston, Wisconsin, S. 2548, to designate the Camp Hutchins Wilderness and establish Special Management Areas in the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois, S. 1681, to establish the Shenandoah Mountain National Scenic Area in the State of Virginia, H.R. 1612, to designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, S. 1350, to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, S. 1376, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail, S. 1876, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relocate a memorial honoring the 9 Air Force crew members who lost their lives in an airplane crash in the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests during a training mission on August 31, 1982, S. 638, to amend the Act of June 22, 1948, and an original bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, 9:15 a.m., SR-328A.

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October 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Carmel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Laura DiBella, of Florida, and Robert Harvey, of Florida, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Timothy Petty, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mitch Graves, and Jeff Hagood, both of Tennessee, Rand Arthur Graham, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 10 a.m., SD-562.

October 23, Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the beneficial use and regulation of chemicals, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 22, business meeting to consider S. 2960, to develop economic tools to deter aggression by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan, S. 2130, to make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, S. 2424, to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, S. 1744, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of

recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, S. 2626, to strengthen the leadership role of the United States at the Inter-American Development Bank, S. 2146, to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, S. 2950, to require the Secretary of State and relevant executive branch agencies to address international scam compounds defrauding people in the United States, to hold significant transnational criminal organizations accountable, S. 2550, to provide for international cooperation to secure critical mineral supply chains, S. 1854, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to political and economic elites in Haiti, S. 2657, to impose sanctions relating to the support of the People's Republic of China for the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, S. 2018, to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus, S. 799, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2684, to support countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to coerce or pressure governments into breaking such ties, to deepen coordination with Taiwan on diplomatic, development, and economic engagement in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2224, to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, S. 2918, to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, S. 1000, to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs, S. Res. 409, recognizing the 74th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Philippines and the strong bilateral security alliance between our two nations in the wake of escalating aggression and political lawfare by the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea, S. 2978, to provide for the designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism, and S. Res. 226, condemning the Government of the People's Republic of China for engaging in transnational repression, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

October 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Amer Ghalib, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 22, to hold hearings to examine labor law reform part 2, focusing on new solutions for finding a pro-worker way forward, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 340B program, focusing on examining its growth and impact on patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edward Forst, of Florida, to be Administrator of General Services, Charles Arrington, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2030, Paul Ingrassia, of New York, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, John Cuong Truong, Elana S. Suttenger, and Stephen F. Rickard, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, Anthony D'Esposito, of New York, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor, and Platte Moring, of South Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 22, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 22, business meeting to consider the nomination of John Bartrum, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: October 22, to hold hearings to examine modernizing health care, focusing on how shoppable services improve outcomes and lower costs, 3:30 p.m., SH-216.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: October 21, to hold hearings to examine Hezbollah's Latin American drug trafficking operations, 2 p.m., SD-215.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, October 21

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(Senate will recess following the disposition of the nomination of Harold D. Mooty III, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.



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