

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7705–S7741

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3034–3055, and S. Res. 463–466. **Pages S7729–30**

Measures Passed:

Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2316, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to provide that interest on obligations held in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund shall become available for apportionment at the beginning of fiscal year 2033, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7734**

Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act: Senate passed S. 259, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership. **Page S7734**

Strengthening Support for American Manufacturing Act: Senate passed S. 99, to require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation. **Pages S7734–35**

National Cholesterol Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 464, designating September 2025 as “National Cholesterol Education Month” and September 30, 2025, as “LDL–C Awareness Day”. **Page S7735**

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 465, designating September 2025 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S7735**

Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, making con-

tinuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026. **Pages S7705–20**

Shutdown Fairness Act: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 585), 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 S. 3012, to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations. **Page S7720**

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

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. **Page S7720**

Taibleson Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S7721–22**

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 587), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7721**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time with respect to the nomination be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader no earlier than Monday, October 27, 2025. **Page S7722**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 27, 2025, Senate execute the orders with respect to the nominations of Rebecca L. Taibleson, and Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S7735**

Platt Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S7722**

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 on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. **Page S7722**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7722**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7722**

LaCour, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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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 nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S7722**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7722**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7722**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 586), Stephen Chad Meredith, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. **Pages S7720–21, S7741**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

13 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S7741**

Executive Communications: **Page S7729**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7730–31**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S7731–33**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7728–29**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7733**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—587) **Pages S7720–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATION OF CHEMICALS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the beneficial use and regulation of chemicals, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Huntsman, Huntsman Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas; Gwen Gross, The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington; and Tracey J. Woodruff, University of California, San Francisco.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Amer Ghalib, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Brent Christensen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Benjamin Leon, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra, who was introduced by Senator Scott (FL), Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, who was introduced by Senator Lee, and Morvared Namdarkhan, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

340B PROGRAM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 340B program, focusing on examining its growth and impact on patients, after receiving testimony from Michelle Rosenberg, Director, Health Care,

Government Accountability Office; Aditi Sen, Chief,
Health Policy Studies Unit, Congressional Budget

Office; and William B. Feldman, University of California, Los Angeles.

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 Friday, October 24, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, October 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, October 24

House Chamber

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



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