

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7743–S7756

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3056–3059, and S. Res. 467–469.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 197, to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota.

H.R. 1612, to designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest.

S. 277, to release a Federal reversionary interest and convey mineral interests in Chester County, Tennessee.

S. 638, to amend the Act of June 22, 1948.

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. 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. 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1680, to designate additions to the Rough Mountain Wilderness and the Rich Hole Wilderness of the George Washington National Forest.

S. 1681, to establish the Shenandoah Mountain National Scenic Area in the State of Virginia.

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. 2440, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land located in Franklin County, Mississippi, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2548, to designate the Camp Hutchins Wilderness and establish Special Management Areas in the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Nuclear weapons program workers day of remembrance: Senate agreed to S. Res. 467, designating October 30, 2025, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

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Day of the Deployed: Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, designating October 26, 2025, as the “Day of the Deployed”.

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National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, designating the week of October 19 through 25, 2025, as “National Chemistry Week”.

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Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act: Senate resumed 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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Pratt Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Thursday, October 23, 2025, ripen at 11:35 a.m., on Tuesday, October 28, 2025; and that at 2:20 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 588), Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 589), Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Selig, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Michael Selig, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2029. **Page S7756**

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

Joel Rayburn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs), which was sent to the Senate on February 11, 2025 **Page S7756**

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—589) **Pages S7751–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7756.)

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 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marc Berkowitz, of Virginia, Joseph Jewell, of Indiana, and James Caggy, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary, and Brendan Rogers, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime, and Fisheries, to hold hearings to examine reviving commercial shipbuilding, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine competition issues in the seed and fertilizer industries, 10:15 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine politically violent attacks, focusing on a threat to our constitutional order, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 28 through October 31, 2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, 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, upon reconsideration, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:20 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon after a period of debate.

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 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for

Food Safety, Stella Herrell, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary, and John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of Agriculture, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: October 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marc Berkowitz, of Virginia, Joseph Jewell, of Indiana, and James Caggy, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary, and Brendan Rogers, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Richard A. Correll, USN, to be Admiral and Commander, United States Strategic Command, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Gormley, of Maryland, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, Francis Cassidy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Paul Hollis, of Louisiana, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years, Bryce McFerran, of California, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029, and Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 28, Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime, and Fisheries, to hold hearings to examine reviving commercial shipbuilding, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Big Tech and silencing Americans part 2, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 29, business meeting to consider S. 2082, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify the definition of “production facility” to exclude an equipment or device capable of reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in a manner that does not separate plutonium from other transuranic elements, S. 2235, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, S. 2741, to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, S. 3022, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to reauthorize certain Environmental Protection Agency programs, S. 2110, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prepare a report on reuse and refill systems, S. 2878, to reauthorize funding to monitor, assess, and research the Great Lakes Basin, S. 287, to designate the Federal building located at 225 South Pierre Street in Pierre, South Dakota, as the “Marcella LeBeau Federal Building,” and for other purposes, S. 2319, to designate the Federal building located at 300 West Congress Street in Tucson, Arizona, as the “Raul M. Grijalva Federal Building”, and the nominations of

Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Douglas Troutman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mitch Graves, and Jeff Hagood, both of Tennessee, Randall Jones, of Alabama, and Arthur Graham, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and 3 General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Finance: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Arjun Mody, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Commissioner Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2031, Jeffrey Goettman, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Africa, Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Environment, Labor, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the Rank of Ambassador, Julie Callahan, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the future of biotech, focusing on maintaining U.S. competitiveness and lifesaving cures to patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Casey Means, of California, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years, 11 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 29, to hold hearings to examine impacts of government shutdowns and agency reductions in force on Native communities, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 28, to hold hearings to examine competition issues in the seed and fertilizer industries, 10:15 a.m., SD-106.

October 28, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine politically violent attacks, focusing on a threat to our constitutional order, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1884, to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act, and the nominations of Robert P. Chamberlin, and James D. Maxwell II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, and Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 29, to hold hearings to examine putting veterans first, focusing on the current VA disability system, 4 p.m., SD-G50.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, October 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:35 a.m.), 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, upon reconsideration, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:20 p.m.

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jordan Emery Pratt until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1 p.m., Tuesday, October 28

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.



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