

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7757–S7789

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3060–3068, S.J. Res. 91–93, and S. Res. 470–471. **Page S7785**

Measures Reported:

S. 673, to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding. (S. Rept. No. 119–90). **Page S7783**

Measures Passed:

Brazil Tariffs: By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 594), Senate passed S.J. Res. 81, terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil, after Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration. **Pages S7766–79**

Bat Week: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 454, expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2025, to October 31, 2025, as “Bat Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7787**

National Dyslexia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed, and designating October 2025 as “National Dyslexia Awareness Month”. **Pages S7787–88**

Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026. **Pages S7757–64**

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 14, 2025. **Page S7763**

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By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 590), 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 the bill. **Pages S7763–64**

National Petroleum Reserve In Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record Of Decision, Record Of Decision For The Barred Owl Management Strategy, LaCour, Jr. Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, if Senator Sullivan makes a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 80, 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 “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision”, Senate vote on the motion at 11:30 a.m.; and if agreed to, all time be deemed expired and Senate vote on passage no earlier than Thursday, October 30, 2025, and following the vote on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 80, Senate execute the order of October 28, 2025, in relation to the nomination of Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; and that if Senator Kennedy makes a motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 69, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Record of Decision for the Barred Owl Management Strategy; Washington, Oregon, and California”, Senate vote on the motion at 2:15 p.m. **Page S7788**

LaCour, Jr. Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. **Pages S7765–66**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 593), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7766**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time 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 Wednesday, October 29, 2025. **Page S7766**

Dunlap Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joshua D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Page S7779**

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 Thursday, October 30, 2025. **Page S7779**

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 S7779**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 592), Jordan Emery Pratt, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S7764–65, S7789**

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 591), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7764**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, which was sent to the Senate on May 06, 2025, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S7789**

Measures Referred: **Page S7782**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—594) **Pages S7764–66, S7778**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7788.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marc Berkowitz, of Virginia, Joseph Jewell, of Indiana, who was introduced by Senator Banks, and James Caggy, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary, and Brendan Rogers, of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator McCormick, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,475 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

REVIVING COMMERCIAL SHIPBUILDING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime, and Fisheries concluded a hearing to examine reviving commercial shipbuilding, after receiving testimony from Matthew O. Paxton, Shipbuilders Council of America, Washington, D.C.; Jeff R. Vogel, TOTE Services, LLC, Jacksonville, Florida; Salvatore R. Mercogliano, Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina; and Tuuli Snow, Snow and Company, Inc., Seattle, Washington.

SEED AND FERTILIZER INDUSTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competition issues in the seed and fertilizer industries, after receiving testimony from Noah Coppess, Iowa Farm Bureau, Stanwood; John Latham, Latham Quality, Inc., Alexander, Iowa; Caleb Ragland, American Soybean Association, Magnolia, Kentucky; Corey Rosenbusch, The Fertilizer Institute, Arlington, Virginia; Andrew W. LaVigne, American Seed Trade Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Diana Moss, Progressive Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

POLITICALLY VIOLENT ATTACKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine politically violent attacks, focusing on a threat to our constitutional order, after receiving testimony from Chad F.

Wolf, America First Policy Institute, William Braniff, American University, Daniel Hodges, Metropolitan Police Department, and Kyle Shideler, Center for Security Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Knowles, Daily Wire, Nashville, Tennessee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 5836–5869; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 834–841, were introduced. **Pages H4557–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4560–61**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. R. 689, to require each agency to evaluate the permitting system of the agency, to consider whether permitting by rule could replace that system, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–351). **Page H4557**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4557**

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 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: 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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine Big Tech and silencing Americans part 2, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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: 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: 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: 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.

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

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate expects to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 80, National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision, and on confirmation of the nomination of Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

At approximately 2:15 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 69, Record of Decision for the Barred Owl Management Strategy.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Friday, October 31

House Chamber

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

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