

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8249–S8401

Measures Introduced: Fifty-five bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3227–3281, S.J. Res. 97, and S. Res. 510–518. **Pages S8274–76**

Measures Passed:

Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment: By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 623), Senate passed H.J. Res. 130, 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 “Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”. **Pages S8249–59**

Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act: Senate passed S. 222, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8259–61**

STEWARDSHIP Act: Senate passed S. 351, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to collect and disseminate data on recycling and composting programs in the United States. **Pages S8395–98**

REUSE Act: Senate passed S. 2110, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prepare a report on reuse and refill systems. **Pages S8398**

Countering Threats and Attacks on Our Judges Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2379, to amend the State Justice Institute Act of 1984 to authorize the State Justice Institute to provide awards to certain organizations to establish a State judicial threat intelligence and resource center, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8398–99**

Displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument: Senate passed H.J. Res. 133, re-

questing the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026. **Page S8399**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 513, designating November 22, 2025, as National Adoption Day and November 2025 as National Adoption Month to promote national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Page S8399**

American Diabetes Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 514, designating November 2025 as “American Diabetes Month”. **Page S8399**

Congratulating the Los Angeles Dodgers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, congratulating the Los Angeles Dodgers for winning the 2025 Major League Baseball World Series. **Page S8399**

Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act: Senate passed S. 1318, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage. **Pages S8399–S8400**

Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 970, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans’ Group Life Insurance program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8400**

Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 983, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher

learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8400**

Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1912, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8400**

Delta State University 100 Years of Service: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 489, commending Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, for 100 years of service to the State of Mississippi and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8400**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment: Senate indefinitely postponed S.J. Res. 89, 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 "Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment". **Page S8395**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the joint resolution be indefinitely postponed. **Page S8395**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S8395**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Friday, November 21, 2025, at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1:45 p.m.; Friday, November 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 28, 2025, it next convene at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 2025. **Page S8400**

Bragdon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David A. Bragdon,

of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. **Page S8265**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 20, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 2025. **Page S8265**

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 S8265**

Freeman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lindsey Ann Freeman, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. **Page S8265**

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 David A. Bragdon, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. **Page S8265**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S8265**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S8265**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed today ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 2025. **Page S8400**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 11 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S8265–66, S8400–01**

Messages from the House: **Page S8270**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S8395

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—623) Page S8259

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8400.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael Selig, of Florida, to be Chairman and a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of 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, Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, and Morvared Namdarkhan, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), all of the Department of State.

TAIWAN ENHANCED RESILIENCE ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reviewing implementation of

the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act, and future opportunities for U.S.-Taiwan cooperation, after receiving testimony from Lauren Dickey, former Senior Advisor for Taiwan, Department of Defense, New York, New York; and Rush Doshi, Council on Foreign Relations, and Bonnie S. Glaser, German Marshall Fund of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrew Duva, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Robert P. Chamberlin, and James D. Maxwell II, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, William J. Crain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alexander C. Van Hook, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Erin Creggan, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, Ryan Anthony Kriegshauser, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 81 public bills, H.R. 6165–6245; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 897–904 were introduced. Pages H4872–76

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H4878–79

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palmer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4821

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H4832

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Eamon Kelly, The Magdala Center, Magdala, Israel. Page H4833

Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. Page H4835

Recess: The House recessed at 2:57 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. Page H4849

Researching Efficient Federal Improvements for Necessary Energy Refining Act: The House passed

H.R. 3109, to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 303. **Pages H4835–41, H4849–50**

H. Res. 879, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 80), (H.J. Res. 130), (H.J. Res. 131), the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58), and the bills (H.R. 1949), (H.R. 3109), (H.R. 5107), and (H.R. 5214) was agreed to Tuesday, November 18th.

Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 1949, to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 304. **Pages H4841–49, H4850–51**

H. Res. 879, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 80), (H.J. Res. 130), (H.J. Res. 131), the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58), and the bills (H.R. 1949), (H.R. 3109), (H.R. 5107), and (H.R. 5214) was agreed to Tuesday, November 18th.

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to unveil the statue of Barbara Rose Johns: The House agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 62, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to unveil the statue of Barbara Rose Johns. **Page H4851**

Senate Referrals: S. 2741 was held at the desk. S. 2878 was held at the desk. S. 3022 was held at the desk. S. 222 was held at the desk. S. 351 was held at the desk. S. 1318 was held at the desk. S. 2110 was held at the desk. S. 2379 was held at the desk. **Pages H4841, H4854**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appears on pages H4841 and H4854.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4849–50 and H4850–51.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a business meeting on subcommittee assignments; and a markup on H.R. 2870, the “Working Families Flexibility Act”; H.R. 2312, the “Tipped Employee Protection Act”; and H.R. 2299, the “Ensuring Workers Get PAID Act of 2025”. Sub-

committee assignments were approved. H.R. 2870, H.R. 2312, and H.R. 2299 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: On November 19, 2025, Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 3474, the “Federal Mechanical Insulation Act”; H.R. 3699, the “Energy Choice Act”; H.R. 5184, the “Affordable Housing Over Mandating Efficiency Standards Act”; H.R. 4690, the “Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 4593, the “Saving Homeowners from Overregulation With Exceptional Rinsing Act”; H.R. 4758, the “Homeowner Energy Freedom Act”; H.R. 4626, the “Don’t Mess With My Home Appliances Act”; and H.R. 1355, the “Weatherization Enhancements and Readiness Act of 2025”. H.R. 3474, H.R. 4593, H.R. 4758, and H.R. 1355 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3699, H.R. 5184, H.R. 4690, H.R. 4626 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

DAYLIGHT AND DESTINATIONS: EXAMINING TIME, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Daylight and Destinations: Examining Time, Travel, and Tourism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT CONTROL LOOPHOLES: CHIPMAKING TOOLS AND THEIR SUBCOMPONENTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: South and Central Asia Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Export Control Loopholes: Chipmaking Tools and their Subcomponents”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S REDESIGNATION OF NIGERIA AS A ‘COUNTRY OF PARTICULAR CONCERN—CPC’: A SERIOUS, WELL-FOUNDED WAKE-UP CALL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Africa Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “President Trump’s Redesignation of Nigeria as a ‘Country of Particular Concern—CPC’: A Serious, Well-Founded Wake-Up Call”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Pratt, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Jacob McGee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRACY IN PERIL: THE FIGHT FOR FREE ELECTIONS IN HONDURAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Western Hemisphere Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Democracy in Peril: the Fight for Free Elections in Honduras”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS: AN EXAMINATION OF FOREIGN ADVERSARY THREATS TO SUBSEA CABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a joint hearing entitled “Securing Global Communications: An Examination of Foreign Adversary Threats to Subsea Cable Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sykes, Harrigan, Stansbury, Gillen, Fletcher, Min, Fitzpatrick, Moylan, Ansari, and Wasserman Schultz.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4638, the “Bill to Outlaw Wounding of Official Working Animals Act”; H.R. 6048, the “NDO Fairness Act”; H.R. 5713, the “Expedited Removal of Criminal Aliens Act”; H.R. 4711, the “Rapid Expulsion of Migrant Offenders who Violate and Evade Act”; H.R. 2189, the “Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act of 2025”; H.R. 2675, the “Protecting Our Courts from Foreign Manipulation Act of 2025”; and H.R. 988, to amend title 36, United States Code, to move the place of incorporation and domicile of the National Woman’s Relief Corps to Illinois, to move the principal office of such Corps to Murphysboro, Illinois, and for other purposes. H.R. 4638, H.R. 6048, H.R. 5713, H.R. 4711, H.R. 2189, and H.R. 2675 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 988 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4776, the “SPEED Act”; H.R. 573, the “Studying NEPA’s Impact on Projects Act”; H.R. 681, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955 (commonly known as the “Long-Term Leasing Act”), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and

the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and for other purposes; H.R. 3903, the “Chugach Alaska Land Exchange Oil Spill Recovery Act of 2025”; H.R. 4386, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to clarify entrance privileges for vehicles with respect to the America the Beautiful interagency pass; H.R. 4467, the “Vicksburg National Military Park Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 4503, the “ePermit Act”; and H.R. 5131, the “Public Lands Military Readiness Act of 2025”. H.R. 4776, H.R. 573, H.R. 3903, H.R. 4386, H.R. 4467, H.R. 4503, and H.R. 5131 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 681 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MADE IN THE USA: HOW MAIN STREET IS REVITALIZING DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Made in the USA: How Main Street is Revitalizing Domestic Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR DISABLED VETERANS: OVERSIGHT OF VA’S MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINATION OFFICE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Improving Outcomes for Disabled Veterans: Oversight of VA’s Medical Disability Examination Office”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Mary Glenn, Deputy Executive Director, Medical Disability Examination Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, November 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 58—Denouncing the horrors of socialism.

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