

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3316–3341, S.J. Res. 98, and S. Res. 524–528. **Pages S8482–83**

Measures Passed:

Compassion in Adoption and Foster Care: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 516, ensuring that the adoption and foster care system in the United States is child-centered and compassionate and that young people aging out of foster care are provided with adequate support and resources to transition successfully to independent adulthood, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Principals Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 518, designating October 2025 as “National Principals Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Move Over Law Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day.

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Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 528, supporting after-school programs and Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of after-school programs held on October 23, 2025.

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Measures Considered:

Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 91, 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 “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 630), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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Rodriguez Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 631), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previous order with respect to S.J. Res. 91, 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 “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”, be vitiated, and that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 4, 2025, Senate proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 131, 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 “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, and if passed S.J. Res. 91 be indefinitely postponed; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following disposition of H.J. Res. 131, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. Res. 520, authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate execute the order with respect to the nomination of Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 629), Matthew E. Orso, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 628), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8463**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—631) **Pages S8463, S8472–74**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8491.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ABDUCTION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine the abduction of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation, after receiving testimony from Senators Blumenthal and Klobuchar; Representatives McCaul and Fitzpatrick; Olha Stefanishyna, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, Maksym Maksymov, Office of the President of Ukraine, Mykola Kuleba, Save Ukraine, Kateryna Rashevskya, Regional Center for Human Rights, all of Ukraine; and Nathaniel A. Raymond, Yale School of Public Health Humanitarian Research Lab, New Haven, Connecticut.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senator Sheehy, and Steven Haines, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lee Beaman, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, who was introduced by Senators Blackburn and Hagerty, and Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senator McCormick, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Tammy Bruce, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Darryl Nirenberg, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, Melissa Argyros, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Christopher Yeaw, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Arms Control, Non-proliferation, and Stability), Yehuda Kaploun, of Florida, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, and Bernardo Navarro, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, all of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years, and Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine making the health care system affordable, after receiving testimony from Joel C. White, Council for Affordable Health Coverage, Washington, D.C.; Marcie Strouse, Capitol Benefits Group, Des Moines, Iowa; and Claudia M. Fegan, Physicians for a National Health Program, Chicago, Illinois.

VA HEALTHCARE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine medication management in VA healthcare, after receiving testimony from Alyssa M. Hundrup, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Julie Kroviak, Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General, in the role of Acting Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, and Ilse Wiechers, Acting Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Erin Fletcher, Wounded Warrior Project, Chicago, Illinois.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee received a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from members of the intelligence community.

AGING AND COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aging and the impact of community during the holidays, after receiving testimony from John Offerdahl, Offerdahl's Hand-Off Foundation, Oakland Park, Florida; Jason Resendez, National Alliance for Caregiving, and Alison Barkoff, former Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, The George Washington University, both of Washington, D.C.; and Emily Ladau, West New York, New Jersey.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 6370–6418; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 922–925, were introduced. **Pages H5024–26**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5027–28**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H5004**

Communication from the Clerk of the House: The Chair announced that, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Benjamin Francis-Fallon of Washington, D.C. **Page H5005**

Transparency in Reporting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act: The House considered H.R. 1049, to ensure that parents are aware of foreign influence in their child's public school. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 4th. **Pages H5007–10**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5008**

H. Res. 916, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4312), (H.R. 1005), (H.R. 1049),

(H.R. 1069), (H.R. 2965) and (H.R. 4305), was agreed to yesterday, December 2nd.

Recess: The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Pages H5010–11**

Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 2965, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to ensure that the small business regulatory budget for a small business concern in a fiscal year is not greater than zero, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 310. Consideration began yesterday, December 2nd. **Page H5011**

H. Res. 916, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4312), (H.R. 1005), (H.R. 1049), (H.R. 1069), (H.R. 2965) and (H.R. 4305), was agreed to yesterday, December 2nd.

Destroying Unnecessary, Misaligned, and Prohibitive Red Tape Act: The House passed H.R. 4305, to direct the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to establish a Red Tape Hotline to receive notifications of burdensome agency rules, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 269 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 311. Consideration began yesterday, December 2nd. **Pages H5011–12**

H. Res. 916, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4312), (H.R. 1005), (H.R. 1049), (H.R. 1069), (H.R. 2965) and (H.R. 4305), was agreed to yesterday, December 2nd.

Combating the Lies of Authoritarians in School Systems Act: The House passed H.R. 1005, to prohibit elementary and secondary schools from accepting funds from or entering into contracts with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 312.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To require public elementary and secondary schools to disclose certain funds received from, or contracts with, a foreign source, and for other purposes."

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 4.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5011, H5011–12, and H5012–13.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on the Budget: Subcommittee on the Budget held a hearing entitled "Member Day Hearing". Testimony was heard from Chairman Van Duyne, and Representatives Baird, Cammack, Feenstra, Huizenga, Schweikert, Nunn of Iowa, Timmons, Cloud, Bean, McCormick, Moran, and Brecheen.

PUBLIC FUNDS, PRIVATE POLITICS: EXAMINING BIAS IN THE TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled "Public Funds, Private Politics: Examining Bias in the Truman Scholarship Program". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFEGUARDING STUDENT PRIVACY AND PARENTAL RIGHTS: A REVIEW OF FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT AND PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Edu-

cation held a hearing entitled "Safeguarding Student Privacy and Parental Rights: A Review of FERPA and PPRa". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1343, the "Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act"; H.R. 1588, the "Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act"; H.R. 1665, the "DIGITAL Applications Act"; H.R. 1681, the "Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act"; H.R. 1731, the "Standard FEES Act"; H.R. 6046, the "Broadband and Telecommunications RAIL Act"; H.R. 2289, the "American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025"; 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 Over-regulation 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 Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2025". H.R. 1343, H.R. 1588, H.R. 1665, H.R. 1681, H.R. 1731, H.R. 6046, H.R. 2289, H.R. 3474, H.R. 3699, H.R. 5184, H.R. 4690, H.R. 4593, H.R. 4758, and H.R. 4626 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1355 was ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING CAPACITY: REDUCING GOVERNMENT ROADBLOCKS TO HOUSING SUPPLY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Building Capacity: Reducing Government Roadblocks to Housing Supply". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5490, to establish an interagency Task Force to dismantle and shut down transnational criminal syndicates perpetuating mass online scam operations against Americans; H.R. 6297, to require the Department of State to provide briefings on antisemitism in Europe; H.R. 1848, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Houthis, and for other purposes; H.R. 5021, to require a sports diplomacy strategy to strategically leverage the major sporting events being hosted in the United States in the next decade to enhance United States soft power, diplomatic relationships, and global leadership, and for other purposes; H.R. 6230, to designate certain individuals as specially designated global terrorists; H.R. 4397, to require the President

to designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, to direct the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress regarding such designation, and for other purposes; H.R. 4291, to require a review of whether individuals or entities subject to the imposition of certain sanctions through inclusion on certain sanctions lists should also be subject to the imposition of other sanctions and included on other sanctions lists; H.R. 6347, to reauthorize the Global Child Thrive Act of 2020, and for other purposes; H.R. 4413, to provide for non-applicability of a policy of denial for exports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles and defense services destined for or originating in the Republic of Cyprus; and H.R. 6338, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons or vessels that engage in illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. H.R. 5490, H.R. 6297, H.R. 1848, H.R. 5021, H.R. 6230, and H.R. 4397 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4291, H.R. 6347, H.R. 4413, and H.R. 6338 were ordered reported, without amendment.

WHEN BADGES BECOME TARGETS: HOW ANTI-LAW ENFORCEMENT RHETORIC FUELS VIOLENCE AGAINST OFFICERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “When Badges Become Targets: How Anti-Law Enforcement Rhetoric Fuels Violence Against Officers”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Hodges, Law Enforcement Officer, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, Washington D.C.; and public witnesses.

BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET: EXAMINING PROPOSALS FOR A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “Balancing the Federal Budget: Examining Proposals for a Balanced Budget Amendment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SEA LION PREDATION IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled “Sea Lion Predation in the Pacific Northwest”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE AND EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Unleashing American Energy Dominance and Ex-

ploring New Frontiers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a business meeting on approval of updated Subcommittee Rosters; and approval of revised leadership of the Subcommittee on Aviation. Updated Subcommittee Rosters was agreed to.

AMERICA BUILDS: THE STATE OF THE ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY (AAM) INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “America Builds: The State of the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6047, the “Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2025”; and H.R. 4077, the “GUARD Veterans' Health Care Act”. Testimony was heard from Margarita Devlin, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Benefits, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Undersecretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax held a hearing entitled “Promoting Global Competitiveness for American Workers and Businesses”. Testimony was heard from Former Member Kevin Brady and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1195)

H.R. 1512, to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines. Signed on December 2, 2025. (Public Law 119–45)

H.J. Res.133, requesting 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. Signed on December 2, 2025. (Public Law 119–46)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “In Their Corner:

Creating More Opportunities for American Boxers”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Strategic Trajectories: Assessing China’s Space Rise and the Risks to U.S. Leadership”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “119th Congress Member Day”, 9:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.J. Res. 131, Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of H.J. Res. 131, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. Res. 520, En Bloc Consideration of Certain Nominations.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 4

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1049—Transparency in Reporting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act.

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