

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8699–S8748

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3470–3485 **Page S8730**

Measures Passed:

Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Reauthorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1510, to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to strengthen the powers of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board, and the bill was then passed.

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Indian Land Disputes Settlements: Senate passed S. 550, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois.

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Indian Reorganization Act: Senate passed S. 748, to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Lytton Rancheria of California.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

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Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Thune Amendment No. 3961 (to the House amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date.

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Thune Amendment No. 3962 (to Amendment No. 3961), to change the enactment date. **Page S8708**

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

By 76 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 647), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

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Thune motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Thune Amendment No. 3963, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

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Thune Amendment No. 3964 (the instructions (Amendment No. 3963) of the motion to refer), to change the enactment date, fell when Thune motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Thune Amendment No. 3963 (listed above), fell.

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Thune Amendment No. 3965 (to Amendment No. 3964), to change the enactment date, fell when Thune Amendment No. 3964 (the instructions (Amendment No. 3963) of the motion to refer) (listed above), fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Senate continue consideration of Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, post-cloture, and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the motion to concur.

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CRAs Status Quo—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of the Congressional Review Act, S.J. Res. 86, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period”, and S.J. Res. 84, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Market

Integrity and Affordability”, remain in status quo through January 16, 2026. **Page S8747**

Simmons Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joshua Simmons, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Page S8703**

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 en bloc nominations pursuant to S. Res. 532 (119th Congress). **Page S8703**

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 S8703**

Bass Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S8704**

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 Joshua Simmons, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Page S8704**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S8703**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S8704**

Van Hook Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alexander C. Van Hook, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S8704**

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 Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S8704**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S8704**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S8704**

Bailey Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy. **Pages S8704–07**

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 Alexander C. Van Hook, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S8704**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S8704**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S8704**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

11 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Messages from the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—647) **Page S8707**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8748.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6703–6729; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 67, were introduced. **Pages H5898–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5900**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2571, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–408);

H.R. 2528, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–409); and

Committee on Natural Resources. Supplemental report on H.R. 4776, to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to clarify ambiguous provisions and facilitate a more efficient, effective, and timely environmental review process (H. Rept. 119–395, Part 2). **Page H5898**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moore (NC) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5843**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H5844, H5855**

Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, effective December 16, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2031:

Mr. Peter N. Kirsanow of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5888**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act: S. 284, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 370 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 335; **Pages H5856–57, H5888**

Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025: 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;

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Federal Supervisor Education Act of 2025: H.R. 5810, amended, to provide for mandatory training for Federal Government supervisors and the assessment of management competencies; **Pages H5861–62**

Strengthening Agency Management and Oversight of Software Assets Act: H.R. 5457, amended, to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices; **Pages H5862–64**

Honoring the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, who were tragically shot in Washington, D.C., in a targeted assault against United States service members on November 26, 2025: H. Res. 923, amended, honoring the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, who were tragically shot in Washington, D.C., in a targeted assault against United States service members on November 26, 2025;

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Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act: S. 216, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

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Federal Maritime Commission Reauthorization Act of 2025: H.R. 4183, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2026 through 2029; **Pages H5869–72**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2026 through 2027, and for other purposes"; **Page H5872**

Enhancing Science, Treatment, and Upkeep of America's Resilient and Important Estuarine Systems Act: H.R. 3962, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program; **Pages H5872–73**

University of Utah Research Park Act: H.R. 2876, to confirm the use of certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, for public purposes;

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Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act: H.R. 972, to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area;

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Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act of 2025: H.R. 1045, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act; **Pages H5876–78**

Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act: S. 2878, to reauthorize funding to monitor, assess, and research the Great Lakes Basin; **Pages H5878–79**

Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act of 2025: H.R. 2815, amended, to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska; **Pages H5879–80**

Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act of 2025: H.R. 3620, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska; **Pages H5880–82**

Amending the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System: H.R. 3176, amended, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System; **Pages H5882–83**

Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas: H.R. 3187, amended, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 336; **Pages H5883–84, H5888–89**

Mineral Extraction for Renewable Industry and Critical Applications Act of 2025: H.R. 3872, amended, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals; and **Pages H5884–85**

Reauthorizing the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994: H.R. 1098, amended, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994. **Pages H5885–86**

Former Members Day: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings during the former Members program be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks. **Pages H5844–55, H5896**

Senate Referrals: S. 240 was held at the desk. S. 390 was held at the desk. S. 546 was held at the

desk. S. 610 was held at the desk. S. 620 was held at the desk. S. 621 was held at the desk. S. 622 was held at the desk. S. 640 was held at the desk. S. 642 was held at the desk. S. 719 was held at the desk. S. 723 was held at the desk. S. 766 was held at the desk. S. 1591 was held at the desk. S. 1744 was held at the desk. **Page H5876**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5876.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5888 and H5889.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPEED ACT; MINING REGULATORY CLARITY ACT; RELIABLE POWER ACT; POWER PLANT RELIABILITY ACT OF 2025; KAYLA HAMILTON ACT; PET AND LIVESTOCK PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4776, the “SPEED Act”; H.R. 1366, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act”; H.R. 3616, the “Reliable Power Act”; H.R. 3632, the “Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025”; H.R. 4371, the “Kayla Hamilton Act”; and H.R. 845, the “Pet and Livestock Protection Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4776, the “SPEED Act”, H.R. 1366, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act”, H.R. 845, the “Pet and Livestock Protection Act”, H.R. 3616, the “Reliable Power Act”, H.R. 3632, the “Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025”, and H.R. 4371, the “Kayla Hamilton Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4776, the “SPEED Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided

and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1366, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 845, the “Pet and Livestock Protection Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 3616, the “Reliable Power Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 3632, the “Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and

controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 4371, the “Kayla Hamilton Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Huffman, Balderson, Pallone, Fry, Jayapal, Harris of Maryland, and Stansbury.

READY, SET, GO-LIVE: ASSESSING VA’S ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS MODERNIZATION DEPLOYMENT READINESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Ready, Set, Go-Live: Assessing VA’s EHR Modernization Deployment Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Neil Evans, Acting Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol Harris, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1215)

H.J. Res. 104, 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 “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”. Signed on December 11, 2025. (Public Law 119–48)

H.J. Res. 105, 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 “North Dakota Field Office

Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan". Signed on December 11, 2025. (Public Law 119–49)

H.J. Res. 106, 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 "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan". Signed on December 11, 2025. (Public Law 119–50)

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". Signed on December 11, 2025. (Public Law 119–51)

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". Signed on December 11, 2025. (Public Law 119–52)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine ensuring fair access to banking, focusing on policy levers and legislative solutions, 3 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs, to hold hearings to examine from high-risk to high reward, focusing on implementing GAO recommendations for a more accountable government, 11 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Benched: The Crisis in American Youth Sports and Its Cost to Our Future", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Legislative Improvements to Public Safety Communications in the United States", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, begin markup on Resolution to Reauthorize the Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity; H.R. 1078, the "Respect State Hous-

ing Laws Act"; H.R. 1181, the "Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act"; H.R. 3959, the "Protecting Private Job Creators Act"; H.R. 4130, the "Small Business Relief Act"; H.R. 4646, the "Whistleblower Protection Act of 2025"; H.R. 5577, the "NFIP Extension Act of 2026"; H.R. 6536, the "Rural Depositories Revitalization Study Act"; H.R. 6541, the "Regulation A+ Improvement Act"; H.R. 6544, the "Regulatory Efficiency, Verification, Itemization, and Enhanced Workflow (REVIEW) Act"; H.R. 6546, the "Merger Process Review Act"; H.R. 6547, the "Least Cost Exception Act"; H.R. 6550, the "American Financial Institution Regulatory Sovereignty and Transparency (American FIRST) Act"; H.R. 6551, the "New Bank Application Numbers Knowledge Act (New BANK) Act"; H.R. 6552, the "Bank-Fintech Partnership Enhancement Act"; H.R. 6553, the "Tailoring and Indexing Enhanced Regulations (TIER) Act"; H.R. 6554, the "Community Bank Representation Act"; H.R. 6555, the "Enhancing Bank Resolution Participation Act"; H.R. 6556, the "Failing Bank Acquisitions Fairness Act"; H.R. 6570, the "Merger Agreement Approvals Clarity and Predictability Act"; and H.R. 6644, "Housing for the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Europe Subcommittee, hearing entitled "Hybrid Warfare in Europe Against U.S. Interests: Moscow and Beijing's Playbook", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled "Anti-American Antitrust: How Foreign Governments Target U.S. Businesses", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled "Partisan and Profitable: The SPLC's Influence on Federal Civil Rights Policy", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 301, the "Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act"; H.R. 398, the "Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2025"; H.R. 1077, the "Streamlining Thermal Energy through Advanced Mechanisms Act"; H.R. 1687, the "Committing Leases for Energy Access Now Act"; H.R. 5576, the "Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act"; H.R. 5587, the "Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act"; H.R. 5617, the "Geothermal Gold Book Development Act"; H.R. 5631, the "Geothermal Ombudsman for National Deployment and Optimal Reviews Act"; and H.R. 5638, the "Geothermal Royalty Reform Act", 10:15 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 498, the "Do No Harm in Medicaid Act"; H.R. 3492, the "Protect Children's Innocence Act"; and H.R. 6703, the "Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act", 2 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "American Resilience: Examining the SBA Disaster Assistance Program", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “The State of American Aviation”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Changes in Maritime Technology: Can the Coast Guard Keep Up?”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Detrimental Delays: Reviewing Payment Failures in VA’s Education Programs”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 16 through December 19,
2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 1071, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture.

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 Armed Services: December 17, to receive a closed briefing on the September 2, 2025, boat strike on narco-traffickers in the Caribbean, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine ensuring fair access to banking, focusing on policy levers and legislative solutions, 3 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

December 17, Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine FAA’s plan for ATC modernization, focusing on evaluating progress, ensuring accountability and results, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 17, business meeting to consider S. 291, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, S. 858, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, S. 1341, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, S. 1363, to provide for greater cooperation and coordination between the Federal Government and the governing bodies and community users of land grant-mercedes in New Mexico relating to historical or traditional uses of certain land grant-mercedes on Federal public land, S. 1377, to ensure the maintenance of a herd of horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park,

S. 1470, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 1787, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 1860, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Brian Head Town, Utah, certain National Forest System land, S. 2015, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western and southeastern United States, to acknowledge and support the long-standing use of cultural burning by Indian Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, S. 2016, to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region, S. 2033, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on existing programs, rules, and authorities that enable or inhibit wildfire mitigation across land ownership boundaries on Federal and non-Federal land, S. 2262, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the nature of public investment for purposes of certain rulemaking, S. 2273, to amend the Act of July 10, 1890, to modify certain provisions relating to the disposal of public land in the State of Wyoming for educational purposes, S. 2546, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 2881, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 16, Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs, to hold hearings to examine from high-risk to high reward, focusing on implementing GAO recommendations for a more accountable government, 11 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: December 17, business meeting to consider S. 3383, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to make improvements to that Act; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine S. 236, 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 in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation and land held in trust for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), S. 1508, to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, S. 1513, to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, S. 2735, to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 17, to hold hearings to examine pending calendar nominations, 10:15 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 16, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

December 17, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

House Committees

Committee on Education and Workforce, December 17, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Ensuring Union Leaders Represent Members, Not Agendas”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Biosecurity at the Intersection of AI and Biology”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Reauthorization of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 18, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Examining the Impact of EPA’s CERCLA Designation for Two PFAS Chemistries and Potential Policy Responses to Superfund Liability Concerns.”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 17, Full Committee, continue markup on Resolution to Reauthorize the Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity; H.R. 1078, the “Respect State Housing Laws Act”; H.R. 1181, the “Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act”; H.R. 3959, the “Protecting Private Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4130, the “Small Business Relief Act”; H.R. 4646, the “Whistleblower Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 5577, the “NFIP Extension Act of 2026”; H.R. 6536, the “Rural Depositories Revitalization Study Act”; H.R. 6541, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act”; H.R. 6544, the “Regulatory Efficiency, Verification, Itemization, and Enhanced Workflow (REVIEW) Act”; H.R. 6546, the “Merger Process Review Act”; H.R. 6547, the “Least Cost Exception Act”; H.R. 6550, the “American Financial Institution Regulatory Sovereignty and Transparency (American FIRST) Act”; H.R. 6551, the “New Bank Application Numbers Knowledge Act (New BANK) Act”; H.R. 6552, the “Bank-Fintech Partnership Enhancement Act”; H.R. 6553, the “Tailoring and Indexing Enhanced Regulations (TIER) Act”; H.R. 6554, the “Community Bank Representation Act”; H.R. 6555, the “Enhancing Bank Resolution Participation Act”; H.R. 6556, the “Failing Bank Acquisitions Fairness Act”; H.R. 6570, the “Merger Agreement Approvals Clarity and Predictability Act”; and H.R. 6644, “Housing for the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 17, Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Mexico’s Relationships with the Region”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4312, the “Taiwan Peace Through Strength Act”; H.R. 5961, the “No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act”; H.R. 5962, the “Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum Act”; H.R. 6032,

the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 6154, the “Providing Accountability Through Information Access Act”; H.R. 6202, the “Bolstering U.S.-Taiwan Cybersecurity Cooperation Act”; H.R. 6235, the “Countering Threats and Attacks on Our Judges Act”; and H.R. 6264, the “Keeping Russia and Belarus Out of U.S. Airspace Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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December 17, Task Force on Enhancing Security for Special Events in the United States, hearing entitled “A Scourge Against Humanity: Addressing Human Trafficking at Mass Gatherings”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

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Committee on Natural Resources, December 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1897, the “ESA Amendments Act of 2025”; H.R. 4284, the “Small Cemetery Conveyance Act”; H.R. 5103, the “Make the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Act”; and H.R. 5910, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 1071, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture.

Roll call votes are possible during Tuesday's session of the Senate.

(Senate will recess from 1 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 4371—Kayla Hamilton Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3632—Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025 (Subject to a Rule).

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