

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8749–S8794

Measures Introduced: Thirty bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3486–3515, and S. Res. 546. **Pages S8779–80**

Measures Passed:

Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act: Senate passed S. 612, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. **Pages S8752–53**

Preventing Child Trafficking Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1049, to direct the Office for Victims of Crime of the Department of Justice to continue implementing the anti-trafficking recommendations of the Government Accountability Office and to report to Congress regarding such implementation, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8753–54**

ENFORCE Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3021, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance enforcement with respect to material depicting obscene child sexual abuse or constituting child pornography, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8754–55**

National Historic Park and National Historic Landmark Establishment and Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 3490, to establish the Fort Ontario Holocaust Refugee Shelter National Historical Park, to designate the America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark. **Pages S8755–57**

Maritime Fuel Tax Parity Act: Senate passed S. 594, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8764–65**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Retirement Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed S. 727, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8765**

Disaster Assistance Simplification Act: Senate passed S. 861, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors. **Pages S8763–64**

Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 131, to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8768–70**

MAPWaters Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 187, to provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8768–70**

Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 410, to extend the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8768–70**

La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1043, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in Arizona to La Paz County, Arizona, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8768–70**

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 546, designating November 2025 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month". **Page S8793**

FDA Modernization Act 3.0: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 355, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to publish a final rule relating to nonclinical testing methods, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8793–94**

Thune (for Booker/Schmitt) Amendment No. 4057, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8794**

Disclosing Foreign Influence in Lobbying Act: Senate passed S. 856, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act. **Page S8794**

Lobbying Disclosure Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 865, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. **Page S8794**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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: **Pages S8749–50, S8757–62, S8765–66**

Pending:

Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S8749**

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. **Page S8749**

Thune Amendment No. 3962 (to Amendment No. 3961), to change the enactment date. **Page S8749**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, and that all post-cloture time be expired at 11:30 a.m. **Page S8794**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment

of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Michael Kuiken of the District of Columbia for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027. **Page S8793**

Messages from the House: **Page S8774**

Measures Referred: **Pages S8774–75**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8794.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 62 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

FAIR ACCESS TO BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine ensuring fair access to banking, focusing on policy levers and legislative solutions, after receiving testimony from Julie Andersen Hill, University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie; Kathleen Sgamma, Multiple-Use Advocacy, Denver, Colorado; and Tyler Klimas, Leaf Street Strategies, Las Vegas, Nevada.

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs concluded a hearing to examine from high-risk to high reward, focusing on implementing GAO recommendations for a more accountable government, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 6730–6770; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 952, were introduced. **Pages H5940–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5943–44**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 951, providing for consideration of the bill (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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1366) to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 845) to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3632) to amend the Federal Power Act to adjust the requirements for orders, rules, and regulations relating to furnishing adequate service, to require owners or operators of generating facilities to provide notice of planned retirements of certain electric generating units, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4371) to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children (H. Rept. 119–410). **Page H5940**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Baumgartner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5901**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H5911**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H5919**

Kayla Hamilton Act: The House passed H.R. 4371, to amend the William Wilberforce Traf-

ficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children, by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 340. **Pages H5921–27, H5933–34**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children.” **Page H5934**

Rejected the Stansbury motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 339. **Page H5933**

Pursuant to the Rule, 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. **Page H5921**

H. Res. 951, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4776), (H.R. 1366), (H.R. 845), (H.R. 3616), (H.R. 3632), and (H.R. 4371) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 338, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 337. **Pages H5912–19, H5919–21**

Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 3632, to amend the Federal Power Act to adjust the requirements for orders, rules, and regulations relating to furnishing adequate service, to require owners or operators of generating facilities to provide notice of planned retirements of certain electric generating units, by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 342. **Pages H5927–33, H5934–36**

Rejected the Scholten motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a ye-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 341. **Pages H5934–35**

H. Res. 951, the rule providing for consideration of the bills H.R. 4776), (H.R. 1366), (H.R. 845), (H.R. 3616), (H.R. 3632), and (H.R. 4371) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 338, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 337. **Pages H5912–19, H5919–21**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 17th. **Page H5936**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider House Concurrent Resolutions 61 and 64 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that each such concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on each such concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for: 1) with respect to House Concurrent Resolution 61, one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and 2) with respect to House Concurrent Resolution 64, one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by Representative Mast, Representative Meeks, and Representative McGovern or their respective designees. **Page H5936**

Senate Referrals: S. 550 was held at the desk. S. 748 was held at the desk. S. 1510 was held at the desk. **Page H5912**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5912.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5919–20, H5920, H5933, H5934, H5934–35, and H5935.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BENCHED: THE CRISIS IN AMERICAN YOUTH SPORTS AND ITS COST TO OUR FUTURE

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Benched: The Crisis in American Youth Sports and Its Cost to Our Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Legislative Improvements to Public Safety Communications in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a 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”.

HYBRID WARFARE IN EUROPE AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS: MOSCOW AND BEIJING'S PLAYBOOK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Europe Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Hybrid Warfare in Europe Against U.S. Interests: Moscow and Beijing's Playbook”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANTI-AMERICAN ANTITRUST: HOW FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TARGET U.S. BUSINESSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing entitled “Anti-American Antitrust: How Foreign Governments Target U.S. Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PARTISAN AND PROFITABLE: THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER INFLUENCE ON FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing

entitled “Partisan and Profitable: The SPLC’s Influence on Federal Civil Rights Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Lee of Nevada, Ansari, Hurd of Colorado, Maloy, Kennedy of Utah, and Fulcher; Jon Raby, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DO NO HARM IN MEDICAID ACT; PROTECT CHILDREN’S INNOCENCE ACT; LOWER HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS FOR ALL AMERICANS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a 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”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 6–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6703, the “Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act”, H.R. 498, the “Do No Harm in Medicaid Act”, and H.R. 3492, the “Protect Children’s Innocence Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6703, the “Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act”, 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 among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 498, the “Do No Harm in Medicaid Act”, 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. 3492, the “Protect Children’s Innocence Act”, under a structured 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. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment may be offered 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 4776, pursuant to House Resolution 951, the further amendment specified in section 5 of this resolution shall be considered as adopted. Testimony was heard from Chairman Guthrie, Chairman Walberg, Chairman Smith of Missouri, and Representatives Pallone, Landsman, Scott of Virginia, DeSaulnier, Thompson of California, Moore of Alabama, Raskin, Fitzpatrick, Lawler, Spartz, and LaLota.

AMERICAN RESILIENCE: EXAMINING THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Resilience: Examining the SBA Disaster Assistance Program”. Testimony was heard from Chris Stallings, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration.

THE STATE OF AMERICAN AVIATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “The State of American Aviation”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Bedford, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

**CHANGES IN MARITIME TECHNOLOGY:
CAN THE COAST GUARD KEEP UP?**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Changes in Maritime Technology: Can the Coast Guard Keep Up?”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral David C. Barata, Deputy Commandant for Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Jason P. Tama, Commander, Coast Guard Cyber Command, U.S. Coast Guard; Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

**DETRIMENTAL DELAYS: REVIEWING
PAYMENT FAILURES IN VA’S EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Detrimental Delays: Reviewing Payment Failures in VA’s Education Programs”. Testimony was heard from Margarita Devlin, Acting Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1269)

H.R. 452, to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men’s Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the 1980 Winter Olympics where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the historic “Miracle on Ice”, revitalizing American morale at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and transforming the sport of hockey in the United States. Signed on December 12, 2025. (Public Law 119–53)

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. Signed on December 12, 2025. (Public Law 119–54)

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 edu-

cational assistance under title 10 of such Code. Signed on December 12, 2025. (Public Law 119–55)

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. Signed on December 12, 2025. (Public Law 119–56)

S. 616, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association. Signed on December 12, 2025. (Public Law 119–57)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

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: 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 Indian Affairs: 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: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel E. Burrows, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Megan Blair Benton, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Brian Charles Lea, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Justin R. Olson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

House

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

Committee on Financial Services, 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, Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Mexico’s Relationships with the Region”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “The Quantum, AI, and Cloud Landscape: Examining Opportunities, Vulnerabilities, and the Future of Cybersecurity”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

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.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Modernization and Innovation, hearing entitled “The Future of Constituent Engagement with Congress.”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers and Businesses: Confronting Organized Retail Crime”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “The Impacts of Temporary Protected Status”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Water Resources Development Act of 2026: Stakeholder Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meeting

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1071, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture, and vote on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the House message to accompany S. 1071, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. If cloture is invoked, and after a period of debate, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Following disposition of the nomination of Jared Isaacman, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, December 17

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 61—Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with presidentially designated terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere. Consideration of H.R. 3492—Protect Children's Innocence Act of 2025. Consideration of H. Con. Res. 64—To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

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