

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S587–S616

Measures Introduced: Thirty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3854–3892, S.J. Res. 107–108, S. Res. 607–611, and S. Con. Res. 27. **Pages S608–10**

Measures Reported:

S. 1070, to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 119–110) **Page S608**

Measures Passed:

D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act: By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 37), Senate passed H.J. Res. 142, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025. **Pages S587–93**

Authorize Testimony and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 609, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Crouse*. **Page S616**

Congratulating the Seattle Seahawks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 610, congratulating the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl LX. **Page S616**

Authorizing the Use of the Atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building: Senate agreed to S. Res. 611, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a Bipawtisan Doggi Gras Pawrade on February 25, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Page S616**

Providing for a Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 74, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S616**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of

H.R. 7147, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 38), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S593–94**

Senator Thune entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S594**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 12, 2026, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 23, 2026. **Page S616**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all Members of the Republican Conference be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from February 12, 2026 through February 23, 2026. **Page S616**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S616**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Friday, February 13, 2026, at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2 p.m.; and that when the Senate recesses on Thursday, February 19, 2026, it

stand adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, February 23, 2026. **Page S616**

Joint Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the referral of the nomination of Kevin Lilly, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, received in the Senate on February 11, 2026, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the nomination be considered jointly referred to that committee and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S616**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Pages S606, S616**

Messages from the House: **Pages S607–08**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—38) **Pages S593–94**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:13 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S616.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SEC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Paul S. Atkins, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 71, to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1898, to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment;

S. 2585, to modernize and improve the Broadband Funding Map in order to promote the most efficient use of Federal funds for broadband deployment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3199, to establish a multi-stakeholder advisory committee tasked with providing detailed recommendations to address challenges to transmitting geolocation information with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3266, to support the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3468, to establish a national programmable cloud laboratories network to enhance research efficiency, innovation, and collaboration, with an amendment;

S. 3639, to expedite processing of satellite and space licenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3700, to establish an expert review panel to make recommendations for a comprehensive agency-wide safety management system at the FAA, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

DCA MIDAIR COLLISION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the NTSB final report on the DCA midair collision, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Homendy, Chairwoman, National Transportation Safety Board, Department of Transportation.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 462, to provide for economic development and conservation in Washoe County, Nevada, S. 1349, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and

White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws, S. 1464, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 1497, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, S. 1981, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to utilize grazing for wildfire risk reduction, S. 2417, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to issue a special use permit with respect to the maintaining of a flagpole bearing the flag of the United States at Kyhv Peak Lookout Point, Utah, S. 2554, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2754, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the City of Ouray, Colorado, certain land managed by the Forest Service, together with a reservoir, S. 2787, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to ensure that ranchers who have grazing agreements on national grasslands are treated the same as permittees on other Federal land, S. 2860, to unleash United States offshore critical minerals and resources, S. 2968, to ensure access to certain public land, S. 3004, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to the city of Price, Utah, S. 3082, to prohibit oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production in certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, S. 3493, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Carson City, Nevada, S. 3526, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 3527, to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, S. 3695, to amend Public Law 96-586 to modernize the authority of the Forest Service to acquire and administer land under that Act, H.R. 204, to require

that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities, H.R. 677, to establish a process to expedite the review of appeals of certain decisions by the Department of the Interior, H.R. 952, to convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California, H.R. 1829, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, H.R. 3872, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals, H.R.

3937, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, after receiving testimony from Jon Raby, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Christopher French, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ty Checketts, Association of National Grasslands, Newcastle, Wyoming; and Julie W. Regan, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Stateline, Nevada.

U.S.-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, focusing on evaluating North American competitiveness, after receiving testimony from former Representative Kevin Brady; Eric Gottwald, AFL-CIO, and Paul McCarthy, MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ted Vander Schaaf, Vander Schaaf Farms, Kuna, Idaho.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Wesley Brooks, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Mast, Jeremy Carl, of Montana, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organizations), who was introduced by Senator Daines, and William Long, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, who was introduced by former Senator Blunt, all of the Department of State, and Robert Sweeney, of Texas, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OVERSIGHT HEARING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing, after receiving testimony from Representative Emmer; Joseph B. Edlow, Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Rodney S. Scott, Commission, Customs and Border Protection, and Todd M. Lyons, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Minnesota State Representative Harry Niska, Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General, and Paul Schnell, Minnesota Department of Corrections, all of Saint Paul.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FRAUD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing fraud in child care assistance programs, after

receiving testimony from Henry Wilde, Acelero Learning, Madison, Wisconsin; Paula Polito, Beary Cherry Tree Child Development Center, Jefferson

Parish, Louisiana; and Liz Denson, Early Connections Learning Centers, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 7520–7566; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 149; and H. Res. 1061–1064 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2870, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–496).

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Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act: The House passed H.R. 2189, to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 70.

Pages H2190–H2204

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–18 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 1057, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (S. 1383), (H.R. 2189), (H.R. 261), and (H.R. 3617) was agreed to yesterday, February 11th.

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, February 12, 2026, through Sunday, February 22, 2026, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of rule 1.

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Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be directed to make the changes in the engrossment of H.R. 5616 as placed at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H2204.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6047, the “Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026”; H.R. 3726, the “Fisher House Availability Act of 2025”; H.R. 3482, the “Veterans Community Care Scheduling Improvement Act”; H.R. 785, the “Representing our Seniors at VA Act of 2025”; and H.R. 2148, the “Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act”. H.R. 3726, H.R. 785, H.R. 3482, H.R. 6047, and H.R. 2148 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, February 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, February 13

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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