

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S657–S689

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3908–3925, and S. Res. 613–615. **Page S681**

Measures Passed:

Army-Navy Football Game: Senate agreed to S. Res. 613, recognizing the Army-Navy football game as America’s Game. **Page S687**

American Heart Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 614, designating February 2026 as “American Heart Month”. **Page S687**

Black History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 615, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S687–88**

2026 United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 602, supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S689**

Moreno (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 4302, to modify the number of medals won by Team USA. **Page S688**

McCormack Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. **Pages S667–74**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2026, and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 11:45 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m. **Page S689**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 41), John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National

Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2026. **Page S667**

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 40), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S665–66**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—41) **Pages S666–67**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S689.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stevan Pearce, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senator Lummis, Kyle Haustveit, of North Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Energy, and David LaCerte, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Water Resources Development Act of 2026, focusing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects, programs, and priorities, after receiving testimony from Adam Telle, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Casey Means, of California, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Marshall, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Colin McDonald, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTEGRITY IN SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine from fraud to recovery, focusing on restoring integrity in small business programs, including S.1199, to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, after receiving testimony from William W. Kirk, Inspector General, Small Business Administration; and Kenneth R. Dieffenbach, Executive Director, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 7669–7719; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 1077–1085 were introduced. **Pages H2326–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2330**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 139, resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced budget for the Federal Government (H. Rept. 119–520);

H.R. 1078, to amend the CARES Act to remove a requirement on lessors to provide notice to vacate, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–521);

H.R. 1181, to prohibit payment card networks and covered entities from requiring the use of or assigning merchant category codes that distinguish a firearms retailer from general-merchandise retailer or sporting-goods retailer, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–522);

H.R. 3959, to except quotations of fixed-income securities from certain regulatory requirements, and

for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–523);

H.R. 4624, to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish requirements for unified boxing organizations, to further enhance the well-being of professional boxers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–524, Part 1);

H.R. 4130, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exclude qualified institutional buyers and institutional accredited investors when calculating holders of a security for purposes of the mandatory registration threshold under such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–525);

H.R. 6541, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to small company capital formation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–526);

H.R. 6544, to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to review the cumulative impact of regulations issued by such agencies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–527);

H.R. 6546, to require the Inspector General of each Federal prudential regulator to carry out a review every 3 years of the regulator's handling of insured depository institution merger applications, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-528);

H.R. 6550, to require annual reporting on interactions between Federal banking supervisory agencies and global financial regulatory or supervisory forums, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-529);

H.R. 6551, to require annual reports on national bank and Federal savings association charter applications, depository institution holding company applications, Federal deposit insurance applications, and State depository institution charter applications, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-530);

H.R. 6552, to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study how partnerships between fintechs and banking organizations can support new banking organization formation and community bank health, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-531);

H.R. 6553, to index statutory thresholds, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-532);

H.R. 6554, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to specify additional responsibilities of the member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System who was appointed as the member with experience working in or supervising community banks, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-533);

H.R. 6555, to require the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to carry out a study on shelf charters and modified bidder qualification processes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-534); and

H.R. 6570, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the use of commitments and conditions in connection with insured depository institution merger applications by Federal depository institution regulatory agencies to ensure they align with statutory requirements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119-535).

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Homeowner Energy Freedom Act: The House passed H.R. 4758, to repeal provisions of Public Law 117-169 relating to taxpayer subsidies for home electrification, and other purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 199 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 78.

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Rejected the Castor motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 77.

Pages H2305-06

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-20 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 1075, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4626) and (H.R. 4758) was agreed to yesterday, February 24th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, February 26th; that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026; and further when it adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 for morning-hour debate.

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Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader, their joint appointment of the following individual to serve as Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives: Ms. Christen Stevenson of Brandywine, Maryland.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2305-06 and H2306.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Ditlevson, of Minnesota, and Brian Birdwell, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine an update from the Prudential

regulators, focusing on rightsizing regulation to promote American opportunity, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on tech competition, critical minerals, and supply chain security, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1602, to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections, S. 1558, to require a standard financial aid offer form, S. 3747, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to recognize students who have completed secondary school education in a home school setting as high school graduates, S. 1782, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants, S. 1552, to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors, S. 3315, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to coordinate to improve cybersecurity in the health care and public health sectors, and other pending business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider H.R. 6719, to prohibit threats to a minor, S. 3398, to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize intentional threats to distribute child sexual abuse material, and to provide appropriate penalties for the use of child

sexual abuse material to extort or coerce victims, S. 3397, to make coercion of children to commit harm a criminal offense, S. 3394, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the sentencing guideline relating to child sexual abuse material, S. 3798, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish criminal offenses with respect to violations involving ATMs, regardless of whether the ATM is located on the physical premises of a financial institution, and the nominations of Gregory Gilmore, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Robert Cekada, of Florida, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Andrew B. Davis, and Christopher R. Wolfe, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Anna St. John, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, John Thomas Shepherd, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Robert Rotter, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, Daniel Satterlee, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota, and David St. Pierre, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine, all of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine FDA bureaucracy, focusing on regulator to roadblock, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:45 a.m. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m.

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