

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S741–S768

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3963–3978. **Page S762**

Measures Passed:

Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act: Senate passed S. 3971, to extend the SBIR and STTR programs. **Pages S751–56**

James Capers, Jr. Medal of Honor: Senate passed H.R. 3377, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr., for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. **Page S767**

Nicholas Dockery Medal of Honor: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7194, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Nicholas Dockery for acts of valor as a member of the Army while serving in Afghanistan, and the bill was then passed. **Page S767**

John W. Ripley Medal of Honor: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7211, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and the bill was then passed. **Page S767**

Measures Considered:

Housing for the 21st Century Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R.6644, to increase the supply of housing in America. **Pages S741–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 2026; and at 11 a.m., all time be expired and Senate vote on the motion to proceed; and that if Senator Kaine makes a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 104, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, Senate vote on the motion at 4 p.m. **Page S767**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–53) **Page S761**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S767.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine an update on the National Defense Strategy after receiving testimony from Elbridge Colby, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

AI: SAFETY, PRODUCTIVITY, AND CARE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine AI that improves safety, productivity, and care, after receiving

testimony from Demetri Giannikopoulos, Rad AI, Weston, Florida; Brittany Ng, Siemens Digital Industries Software, Atlanta, Georgia; Damion Shelton, Agility Robotics, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Mark Muro, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

DHS OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security.

CONFRONTING CHILD TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine confronting child trafficking and the failure to protect America's most vulnerable, after receiving testimony from Julia Einbond, Covenant House New Jersey, Newark; Staca Shehan, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; Tim Tebow, Tim Tebow Foundation, Jacksonville, Florida; and Yasmin Vafa, Rights4Girls, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 7753–7781; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1096–1098, were introduced. **Pages H2368–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2370–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2844, to authorize the Department of Labor's voluntary protection program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–538);

H.R. 2299, to establish the Payroll Audit Independent Determination program in the Department of Labor, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–539); and

H. Res. 1095, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7744) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–540). **Page H2368**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kennedy (UT) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2343**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2345**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 38 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees. **Page H2345**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H2346**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Mace announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H2346–47**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Wintergreen Emergency Egress Act: H.R. 6365, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way for an emergency exit on certain National Park Service land in the State of Virginia; **Pages H2347–48**

Authorizing leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes: H.R. 5910, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes; **Pages H2348–49**

Chugach Alaska Land Exchange Oil Spill Recovery Act: H.R. 3903, amended, to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region; **Pages H2349–52**

Enhancing Administrative Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act: H.R. 5419, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a plan for ensuring timely review of communications use authorizations; **Pages H2352–53**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a plan for ensuring timely review of broadband land use authorizations, and for other purposes"; **Page H2353**

Critical Mineral Consistency Act: H.R. 755, amended, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral; **Pages H2353–56**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to harmonize the lists of critical minerals and critical materials, and for other purposes”; **Page H2356**

America’s National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark Act: H.R. 1945, to designate the America’s National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark; **Pages H2356–57**

Amending the Act of August 9, 1955 (commonly known as the “Long-Term Leasing Act”), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah): H.R. 681, amended, 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 held in trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah); **Pages H2357–58**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “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), and for other purposes”; **Page H2358**

Reauthorizing the Young Fishermen’s Development Act: H.R. 3692, amended, to reauthorize the Young Fishermen’s Development Act; **Pages H2358–59**

America the Beautiful Motorcycle Fairness Act: H.R. 4386, amended, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to clarify entrance privileges for vehicles with respect to the America the Beautiful interagency pass; **Pages H2362–63**

Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act: H.R. 4307, amended, to direct the Secretary of Labor to train certain employees of Department of Labor how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their official duties; and **Pages H2363–64**

Home School Graduation Recognition Act: H.R. 6392, amended, 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. **Pages H2364–66**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act: S. 723, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines; and **Pages H2359–62**

Territorial Student Access to Higher Education Act: H.R. 6472, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for in-state tuition rates for certain residents of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands. **Pages H2366–67**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2026—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–140). **Pages H2346, H2367–68**

Senate Referrals: S. 1070 was held at the desk. S. 2245 was held at the desk. **Page H2345**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2345.

Quorum Calls Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 7567, the “Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026”.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7744, the “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7744, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026, 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 Appropriations or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cole and Representative DeLauro.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Student Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Blinded Veterans Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Minority Veterans of America, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, after receiving testimony from Carol Whitmore, Ryan Gallucci, Kristina Keenan, Michael Figlioli, and Jason Johns, all of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.; Tammy Barlet, Students Veterans of America; Scott P. Stevens CWO4, USA (Ret.), Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.; Lea Rowe, Blinded Veterans Association; Richard Fetro, Fleet Reserve Association; Colonel Lorry M. Fenner, USAF (Ret.), Minority Veterans of America; Andrew Tangen, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers; and Kyleanne Hunter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of the Joint Force, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 933, to authorize programs for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal year 2025, S. 3923, to improve the weather research of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, and expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and certain coast guard promotions, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 601 and H.R. 1276, bills to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky, S. 815, to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater", S. 1135, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, S. 1981, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to utilize grazing for wildfire risk reduction, S. 2102, to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site, 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. 3004, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to the city of Price, Utah, S. 3493, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Carson City, Nevada, S. 3527, to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, 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. 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, and the nominations of Stevan Pearce, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, David LaCerte, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Kyle Haustveit, of North Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of the nomination of Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine a discussion draft of an original bill entitled, "the Toxic Substances Control Act Fee Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2026.", 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion and multi VSOs, 9:45 a.m., SD-G50.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 7567, the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026", 8 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Preparing for the Future: America's Community Colleges", 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Speed to Scale: Revitalizing the Defense Industrial Base", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Energy, Installations, and Environment Update", 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Building an AI-Ready America: Strengthening Employer-Led Training", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "America's Energy Infrastructure: Authorizing Pipeline Safety", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Ready for Reuse: Legislative Proposals to Unleash the Potential of America’s Brownfields Sites”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2071, the “Save our Shrimpers Act”; H.R. 4171, the “Small Entrepreneurs’ Empowerment and Development Act of 2025”; H.R. 6955, the “Main Street Capital Access Act”; H.R. 7127, the “Restoring the Secondary Trading Market Act”; and H.R. 7688, the “DPA Modernization Act of 2026”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Highway Safety Under Threat: Examining Non-Domiciled CDL Issuance to Illegal Aliens”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 2827, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes; H.R. 6162, the “Albuquerque Indian School Act of 2025”; and H.R. 7065, the “Seneca Nation Law Enforcement Efficiency Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Fraud and Misuse

of Federal Funds in Minnesota: Part II”, 9 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “The General Services Administration: Examining the Future of Federal Real Estate Management to Reduce Costs for the Taxpayer”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Delivering for Veterans and Caregivers: Year One of the Dole Act”, 2:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Internal Revenue Service Chief Executive Officer, Frank J. Bisignano”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “CI Screening, Vetting, and Watch Listing”, 2 p.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

Joint Meeting

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion and multi VSOs, 9:45 a.m., SD–G50.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine responding to China’s infiltration and coercion in Europe, 2:30 p.m., 2247, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6644, Housing for the 21st Century Act, post-cloture, and vote on the motion to proceed thereon at 11 a.m.

If Senator Kaine makes a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 104, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, Senate will vote on the motion at 4 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 38—Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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