

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S855–S906

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3998–4024, S.J. Res. 112–118, and S. Res. 627–628. **Pages S881–82**

Measures Reported:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S880**

Measures Passed:

Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act: Senate passed S. 836, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and teens, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S860–69**

Servicemembers' Credit Monitoring Enhancement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2074, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to expand the definition of an active duty military consumer for purposes of certain credit monitoring requirements, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S877–78**

Measures Considered:

Housing for the 21st Century Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6644, to increase the supply of housing in America, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S855–860, S869–71, S877**

Pending:

Scott (SC)/Warren Amendment No. 4308, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S855**

Thune (for Scott (SC)/Warren) Amendment No. 4307 (to Amendment No. 4308), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress studies on workforce housing, housing

for persons who are elderly or disabled, proximity of housing to Superfund sites, and residential heirs property. **Page S855**

Thune Amendment No. 4310 (to Amendment No. 4307), to change the enactment date. **Page S855**

Thune Amendment No. 4311 (to the text proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4308), to change the enactment date. **Page S855**

Thune Amendment No. 4312 (to Amendment No. 4311), of a perfecting nature. **Page S855**

Thune motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Amendment No. 4313, to change the enactment date. **Page S855**

Thune Amendment No. 4314 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S855**

Thune Amendment No. 4315 (to Amendment No. 4314), of a perfecting nature. **Page S855**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Scott (SC)/Warren Amendment No. 4308 (listed above), 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 Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd to be General for appointment in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 60. **Page S877**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline with respect to the first-degree amendments to Scott (SC)/Warren Amendment No. 4308, to the bill, and first-degree amendments to the bill, be at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2026. **Page S877**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on 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:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on February 12, 2026.

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Rudd Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd to be General for appointment in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 60.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 5, 2026, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2026.

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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.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2026, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S906**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—47) **Page S871**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:24 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S906.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SMALL DRONE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the American small drone industrial base, after receiving testimony from Owen O. West, Senior Advisor for Drone Dominance, Travis Metz, Drone Dominance Program Manager, and Major General Steven M. Marks, USA, Director, Defense Autonomous Warfare Group, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Arvind Raman, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, who was introduced by Senator Young, and Matthew Anderson, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senator Sheehy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Garcia, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Rick Crawford, Lee Lipton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Asel Roberts, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Troy Edgar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, and Jared Novelly, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, the Cook Islands, and Niue, who was introduced by Senator Schmitt, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered question in their own behalf.

TRANSFORMING HEALTH CARE WITH DATA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transforming health care with data, focusing on improving patient outcomes through next-generation care, after receiving testimony from Thomas Keane, Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, and National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy and Office of the National Coordinator for Health

Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 7811–7859; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 76; and H. Res. 1107–1109, were introduced. **Pages H2469–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2473–74**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2423**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2430**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:52 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H2448**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, March 4th.

Reaffirming Iran remains the largest state sponsor of terrorism: H. Res. 1099, reaffirming Iran remains the largest state sponsor of terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 372 yeas to 53 nays with two answering “present”, Roll No. 84. **Pages H2448–49**

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: The House failed to agree to 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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 212 yeas

to 219 nays, Roll No. 85. Consideration began yesterday, March 4th. **Page H2449**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026: The House H.R. 7744, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 87. **Pages H2432–48, H2449–51**

Rejected the DeLauro motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yeas-and-nays vote of 212 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 86.

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H. Res. 1095, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7744) was agreed to yesterday, March 4th.

Agreed by unanimous consent the Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 7744. **Page H2451**

Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be directed to make the correction to the engrossment of H.R. 6392 that was placed at the desk. **Page H2451**

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, March 5, 2026, through Sunday, March 15, 2026, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of rule 1. **Page H2466**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2448–49, H2449, H2450, and H2450–51.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 7567, the “Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026”. H.R. 7567 was ordered reported, as amended.

INSPECTORS GENERAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing And Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Inspectors General for the Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development”. Testimony was heard from Mitch Behm, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and Brian Harrison, Acting Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Luttrell, Gillen, Wasserman Schultz, and Edwards.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Titus, Wasserman Schultz, and Radewagen.

U.S. DEFENSE STRATEGY AND POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Defense Strategy and Posture”. Testimony was heard from Elbridge Colby, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7720, the “Child Care Payment Integrity and Fraud Accountability Act”; H.R. 7721, the “Combatting Regulatory Abuse, Closing Known Deficiencies, and Overseeing Waste Nationwide Act”; H.R. 7722, the “Child Care Integrity Monitoring Act”; H.R. 7723, the “Safeguarding Taxpayer Dollars in Child Care Act”; H.R. 7724, the “No Waivers for Fraud Act”; H.R. 7725, the

“Stop Child Care Fraud Act”; H.R. 7677, the “Closing the Provider Fraud Gap Act”; and H.R. 7726, the “No Funds for Repeat Child Care Violations Act”. H.R. 7720, H.R. 7721, H.R. 7722, H.R. 7723, H.R. 7724, H.R. 7725, H.R. 7677, and H.R. 7726 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7757, the “Kids Internet Digital Safety Act”; H.R. 2657, the “Sammy’s Law”; H.R. 6291, the “Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act”; H.R. 3149, the “App Store Accountability Act”; H.R. 7258, the “Energy Emergency Leadership Act”; H.R. 7266, the “Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity Act”; H.R. 7257, the “Securing Community Upgrades for a Resilient Grid Act”; H.R. 7272, the “Pipeline Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”; and H.R. 7305, the “Energy Threat Analysis Center Act of 2026”.

FIGHTING FRAUD ON THE FRONT LINES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Fighting Fraud on the Front Lines: Challenges and Opportunities for Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. MARKETS: EXAMINING FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “The Role of Self-Regulatory Organizations in the U.S. Markets: Examining FINRA and the MSRB”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING NATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing National Security through Public Diplomacy”. Testimony was heard from Sarah B. Rogers, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

MERIT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PERFORMANCE AT STATE: EVALUATING PROMOTION AND PLACEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Merit, Accountability, and Performance at State: Evaluating Promotion and Placement”. Testimony was heard

from Sarah McKemey, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7640, the “Shut Down Sanctuary Policies Act”. H.R. 7640 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5576, the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; H.R. 5587, the “HEATS Act”; H.R. 41, the “Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act”; H.R. 2252, the “North Dakota Trust Lands Completion Act of 2025”; H.R. 2709, the “Save Our Sequoias Act”; H.R. 2768, the “Benton MacKaye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2025”; H.R. 3553, the “BRUSH Fires Act”; H.R. 4684, the “Star-Spangled Summit Act of 2025”; H.R. 5617, the “Geothermal Gold Book Development Act”; H.R. 5631, the “Geothermal Ombudsman for National Deployment and Optimal Reviews Act”; H.R. 5638, the “Geothermal Royalty Reform Act”; H.R. 5682, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 3831, the “Florida Safe Seas Act of 2025”; H.R. 301, the “GEO Act”; H.R. 398, the “Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2025”; and H.R. 1077, the “STEAM Act”. H.R. 5576, H.R. 5587, H.R. 41, H.R. 2252, H.R. 2709, H.R. 2768, H.R. 3553, H.R. 4684, H.R. 5617, H.R. 5631, H.R. 5638, and H.R. 5682 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3831, H.R. 301, H.R. 398, and H.R. 1077 were ordered reported, without amendment.

HIDDEN WOUNDS: EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTING VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Hidden Wounds: Effectively Supporting Veterans with TBI”. Testimony was heard from Rachel McArdle, Deputy Executive Director, Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Alan Johnson, PA–C, U.S. Army (Retired); Sergeant Buster A. Miscusi, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired); and a public witness.

RECLAIMING ‘FORGOTTEN’ FRAUDULENT PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS FROZEN BY BANKS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Reclaiming ‘Forgotten’ Fraudulent Pandemic Unemployment Funds Frozen by Banks”. Testimony was heard from Anthony D’Esposito, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress and Government Publishing Office, 9 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd to be General for appointment in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 60, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

The filing deadline with respect to the first-degree amendments to Scott (SC)/Warren Amendment No. 4308 to H.R. 6644, Housing for the 21st Century Act, and first-degree amendments to the bill, is at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Monday, March 9

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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