

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1159–S1310

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4128–4139, S.J. Res. 130–134, and S. Res. 649–650. **Page S1205**

Measures Passed:

Captain Cody Khork posthumous honorary promotion: Senate passed S. 4138, to waive the 60-day notice requirement for the posthumous honorary promotion of Captain Cody Khork, United States Army. **Page S1202**

March 16, 1776 resolution: Senate agreed to S. Res. 649, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the passage of the resolution of March 16, 1776, which declared May 17 as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer. **Page S1202**

American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women: Senate agreed to S. Res. 650, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States. **Page S1202**

Measures Considered:

Save America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1159–61, S1162–94, S1195–S1202**

Pending:

Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S1159**

Thune motion to concur in the amendment of the House to bill, with Thune (for Schmitt) Amendment No. 4420 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1159**

Thune (for Tuberville/Blackburn) Amendment No. 4421 (to Amendment No. 4420), to protect women and girls in athletics. **Page S1159**

Thune motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Rules and Administration, with instructions, Thune Amendment No. 4422, to change the enactment date. **Page S1159**

Thune Amendment No. 4423 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4422), of a perfecting nature.

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Thune Amendment No. 4424 (to Amendment No. 4423), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1159**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House Message to accompany the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Thursday, March 19, 2026. **Pages S1306–07**

Direct the Removal of U.S. Armed Forces from Iran: By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate rejected the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration of S.J. Res. 118, 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, pursuant to section 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Act. **Pages S1194–95**

Messages from the House: **Page S1203**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1209–S1306**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1306**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—58) **Page S1195**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:32 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, March 19, 2026. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1306–07.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PLATFORM POWER AS SECTION 230 TURNS 30

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine platform power as section 230 turns 30, after receiving testimony from Daphne Keller, Stanford Law School, San Francisco, California; Nadine Farid Johnson, Columbia University Knight First Amendment Institute, and Brad R. Carson, Americans for Responsible Innovation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Matthew Bergman, Social Media Victims Law Center, Seattle, Washington.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities with implementing the Endangered Species Act, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Riley, Riley Consulting LLC, Eagle, Nebraska; Brian Yablonski, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; and Jake Li, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the current situation in the Middle East from Donald Armine Blome, Senior Bureau Official, Steve Galpern, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Analysis, and additional briefers, all of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Markwayne Mullin, of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lankford, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SUNSHINE WEEK

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sunshine week, focusing on bringing secret government spending to light, including S. 766, to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 872, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S.

1199, to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, S. 4059, to provide requirements for Executive agency spending at the end of a fiscal year, and S. 4130, to put a public price tag on all projects supported with taxpayer dollars, after receiving testimony from Jeff Arkin, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Justin R. Goodman, White Coat Waste, and Joshua Miller, Congress Watch, both of Washington, D.C.; and John Hart, Open the Books, Knoxville, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 342, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize an individual who is awarded the Purple Heart for service in the Armed Forces to transfer unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to a family member, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 410, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses;

S. 649, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of certain additional burial benefits for individuals for whom an urn or plaque is furnished, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to deny the claim of a veteran for benefits under the laws administered by such Secretary on the sole basis that such veteran failed to appear for a medical examination associated with such claim;

S. 1665, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure veterans of secrecy oath programs receive the full benefits they have earned, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1726, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the Department of Veterans Affairs definition of "medical services" includes medically necessary automobile adaptations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1868, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand access by veterans to critical access hospitals and affiliated clinics under the Veterans Community Care Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2061, to require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the

diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2220, to expand presumptions of exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2264, to improve the emergency management capabilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2309, to direct a physician or nurse practitioner employed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the death of a veteran not later than 48 hours after such physician or nurse practitioner learns of such death, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2328, to authorize the use of veterans educational assistance for examinations and assessments to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institutions of higher learning, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2333, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit supplementation of health records of deceased veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2397, to require implementation by the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain recommendations relating to the provision of health care through community care providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2683, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2807, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the applicability of the authority to reconsider decisions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of the Army to inter remains or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2981, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of prosthetic and rehabilitative items and services by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 3033, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish partnerships between medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and medical facilities in rural areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3119, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make temporary lodging facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs available for members of the Armed Forces, other individuals on active duty, and family members of such individuals on a space-available basis;

S. 3138, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include adaptive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other recreational activities in the medical services furnished to eligible veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3303, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish or enhance a community integration platform for services for veterans, to require the collection from veterans of information related to social determinants of health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3758, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make opioid overdose rescue medications available to veterans and their caregivers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

A committee resolution.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Tulsi Gabbard, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; John L. Ratcliffe, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Kash P. Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and William J. Hartman, Acting Commander, Cyber Command, performing the duties of Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, and James H. Adams III, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 7970–7992; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1122–1123 were introduced. **Pages H2595–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2598**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 5713, to authorize the expedited removal of aliens who are criminal gang members, members of foreign terrorist organizations, or have been convicted of certain specified crimes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–555). **Page H2595**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2558**

Republican Conference Resignation: Received a communication from the Representative McClain, Chairwoman, House Republican Conference. Pursuant to clause 5(b)(1) of Rule X, Chairwoman McClain notified the House that Representative Kevin Kiley has resigned as a member of the House Republican Conference. **Pages H2580–81**

Committee on Education and Workforce—Vacancy: Received a communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in which he notified the Committee on Education and Workforce that Representative Kevin Kiley's election to the Committee on Education and Workforce has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, effective March 18, 2026. **Page H2581**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Vacancy: Received a communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in which he notified the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure that Representative Kevin Kiley's election to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, effective March 18, 2026. **Page H2581**

Committee on the Judiciary—Vacancy: Received a communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in which he notified the Committee on the Judiciary that Representative Kevin Kiley's election to the Committee on the Judiciary has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, effective March 18, 2026. **Page H2581**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H2581**

Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act: The House passed H.R. 556, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture

from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 93. **Pages H2576–80, H2581–82**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 92. **Pages H2581–82**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2576**

H. Res. 1115, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 556), (H.R. 1958), (H.R. 4638), and relating to consideration of motions to suspend the rules, was agreed to yesterday, March 17th.

Deporting Fraudsters Act: The House passed H.R. 1958, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify that aliens who have been convicted of defrauding the United States Government or the unlawful receipt of public benefits are inadmissible and deportable, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 94. **Pages H2568–76, H2582–83**

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 H2568**

H. Res. 1115, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 556), (H.R. 1958), (H.R. 4638), and relating to consideration of motions to suspend the rules, was agreed to yesterday, March 17th.

Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced budget for the Federal Government: H.J. Res. 139, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced budget for the Federal Government, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H2560–68, H2583–84**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 19th. **Page H2584**

Discharge Petition: Representative DeLauro presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1096) entitled, a resolution providing

for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4213) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 (Discharge Petition No. 17).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2581–82, H2582, H2582–83, and H2583–84.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS (DAY 2, MORNING SESSION)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness (Day 2, Morning Session)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE; CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Orice Williams Brown, Acting Comptroller General of the U.S., Government Accountability Office; and Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Austin, Architect of the Capitol.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS (DAY 2, AFTERNOON SESSION)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness (Day 2, Afternoon Session)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from General Alexis Grynkewich, Commander, U.S. European Command, Department of

Defense; and Daniel Zimmerman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

POSTURE AND READINESS OF THE MOBILITY ENTERPRISE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from General Randall Reed, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Department of Defense; and Stephen Carmel, Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND COMMAND—CHALLENGES AND RESOURCE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2027”. Testimony was heard from Derrick Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Admiral Frank M. Bradley, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, Department of Defense.

STRENGTHENING FEDERAL WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PROGRAMS: ENSURING INTEGRITY, EFFICIENCY, AND ACCESS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Federal Workers’ Compensation Programs: Ensuring Integrity, Efficiency, and Access”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie McCloud, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation; and public witnesses.

LOWERING HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR ALL AMERICANS: AN EXAMINATION OF THE U.S. PROVIDER LANDSCAPE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Lowering Health Care Costs for All Americans: An Examination of the U.S. Provider Landscape”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING U.S. LEADERSHIP OF COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled, “Securing U.S. Leadership of Communications Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Export-Import Bank”. Testimony was heard from John Jovanovic, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the U.S..

REVISITING THE TREASURY-FED ACCORD

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity held a hearing entitled “Revisiting the Treasury-Fed Accord”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESTORING MISSION FOCUS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT: AUTHORITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THE ROLE OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring Mission Focus at the State Department: Authority, Accountability, and the Role of the Foreign Service”. Testimony was heard from Jason S. Evans, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5891, the “Withhold Member Pay During Shutdowns Act”; and H.R. 1329, the “Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum Act”. H.R. 5891 and H.R. 1329 were ordered reported, as amended.

IMMIGRATION POLICY BY COURT ORDER: THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PLYLER V. DOE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “Immigration Policy by Court Order: The Adverse Effects of Plyler v. Doe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE LEGAL BASIS FOR ACTION AGAINST VENEZUELAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Legal Basis for Action Against Venezuelan Drug Traffickers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3286, the “Mammoth Cave National Boundary Adjustment Act of 2025”; H.R. 4290, the “Downwinder Commemoration Act of 2025”; H.R. 4716, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land in Sara-

toga Springs, Utah, from the Secretary of the Interior to the United States Postal Service for construction of a post office, and for other purposes; H.R. 5555, the “Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Study Act”; H.R. 6062, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of federal land in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7031, the “Making National Parks Safer Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Vasquez, Owens, Panetta, and Moore of West Virginia; Chris Carn, Mayor, Saratoga Springs, Utah; Ronald Scott Lindsey, Judge/Executive, Edmonson County, Kentucky; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2766, the “Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act”; H.R. 6916, the “Federal Program Integrity and Fraud Prevention Act of 2025”; H.R. 428, the “Bonuses for Cost-Cutters Act of 2025”; H.R. 1722, the “Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act of 2025”; H.R. 4642, the “Fiscal Contingency Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2069, the “Stop Secret Spending Act of 2025”; H.R. 7934, the “Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2026”; H.R. 5525, the “Stop DC Capital Authoritarian Motorvehicle Enforcement and Restoration of Autonomy (CAMERA) Act”; H.R. 6399, to direct the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Highland City, Utah”; and H.R. 6247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13355 North Lon Adams Road in Marana, Arizona, as the “Mayor Ed Honea Memorial Post Office”. H.R. 2766, H.R. 6916, H.R. 428, H.R. 1722, H.R. 4642, H.R. 2069, H.R. 7934, H.R. 5525, and H.R. 6399 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6247 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7813, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act”. H.R. 7813 was ordered reported, as amended.

CONNECTING SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO MAIN STREET: EXAMINING THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Connecting SBA to Main Street: Examining the SBA Office of Field Operations”. Testimony was heard from Lisa Shimkat, Associate Administrator, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Small Business Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5688, the “Dalilah’s Law”. H.R. 5688 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6733, the “VISN Reform Act of 2025”; H.R. 6580, the “VA National Formulary Act of 2025”; H.R. 6755, the “Accountable Leadership for Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 6599, the “Leasing and Infrastructure Act of 2025”; H.R. 6583, the “Research Reform Act of 2025”; H.R. 6549, the “VA Contracting and Procurement Act”; H.R. 6740, the “VA TRUST Act”; H.R. 6764, the “Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Oversight Act of 2025”; H.R. 6904, the “Veterans Readiness and Employment Improvement and Accountability Act of 2025”; H.R. 6843, the “Establishing the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration Act of 2025”; H.R. 6861, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act”; H.R. 6833, the “Acquisition Reform and Cost Assessment Act of 2025”; H.R. 2303, the “Board of Veterans’ Appeals Attorney Retention and Backlog Reduction Act”; H.R. 10, the “Dental Care for Veterans Act”; H.R. 3183, the “SAFE STEPS for Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 5203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update directives of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the management of acute sexual assault, and for other purposes; H.R. 4114, the “EVEST Act”; H.R. 3869, the “Every Veteran Housed Act”; H.R. 1732, the “GUARD VA Benefits Act”; H.R. 2722, the “VA Funding and Workforce Protection Act”; H.R. 1391, the “Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act of 2025”; H.R. 4876, the “Reproductive Freedom for Veterans Act”; legislation on the Get Justice-Involved Veterans BACK HOME Act; legislation on the Toxic Exposure Advisory Committee Establishment Act; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Advisory Committee on Toxic Exposure of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and legislation on the Honor Vets Act; legislation to provide for the modernization of the electronic health record system and other health information technology activities and systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Phil Christy, Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction; Margarita Devlin, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Thomas O’Toole, Acting Assistant Under

Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Veterans Health Administration.

IMPROVING KIDNEY HEALTH THROUGH BETTER PREVENTION AND INNOVATIVE TREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving Kidney Health Through Better Prevention and Innovative Treatment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM THE SCIENCE LAB TO THE MEDICINE CABINET: HOW CHINA IS CORNERING THE MARKET ON OUR MEDICINES

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From the Science Lab to the Medicine Cabinet: How China Is Cornering the Market on Our Medicines”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**AGING POPULATION**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine keeping promises, focusing on labor inflows, maintaining competitiveness, and supporting an aging population, after receiving testimony from Luke Pardue, Aspen Economic Strategy Group, Daniel Di Martino, Manhattan Institute, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Jeremy Neufeld, Institute for Progress, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy’s implementation of President Trump’s May 2025 nuclear energy executive orders, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold Member Day to examine legislative priorities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of

Markwayne Mullin, of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 545, to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, H.R. 2159, to direct the Attorney General of the United States to submit to the Congress a report on Federal criminal offenses, S. 2934, to limit the availability of civil actions affected by United States sanctions, and the nominations of Colin McDonald, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, James Bishop, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, Brian Barber, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana, Steven Lewis, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, Priscilla Lopez, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Flor-

ida, Brian Gootkin, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana, and James Stuart, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, all of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats”, 8:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats”, 11:30 a.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, March 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1383, SAVE America Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4638—Federal Working Animal Protection Act.

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