

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4353–S4400

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5173–5206, and S. Res. 819–827. **Pages S4369–70**

Measures Passed:

En Bloc Nominations: By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 217), Senate agreed to S. Res. 817, authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar. **Pages S4353–55, S4360**

National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 821, designating July 30, 2026, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”. **Page S4365**

American Grown Flower and Foliage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 822, designating July 2026 as “American Grown Flower and Foliage Month”. **Page S4365**

National Farmers Market Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 823, designating the week of August 2 through August 8, 2026, as “National Farmers Market Week”. **Page S4365**

Gold Star Children’s Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 824, designating August 1, 2026, as “Gold Star Children’s Day”. **Page S4365**

Commending Mississippi Christian University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 825, commending Mississippi Christian University for 200 years of service to the State of Mississippi and the United States. **Page S4365**

Measures Considered:

Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund: By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 199, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to “Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)”. **Page S4356**

Hostilities Within or Against the Islamic Republic of Iran: By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 216), Senate did not agree to the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration of S.J. Res. 181, 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 50 U.S.C. 1546a and in accordance with section 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Act. **Pages S4356–57**

AGOA Extension Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6500, to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees. **Pages S4360–65**

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, July 30, 2026, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, August 3, 2026. **Page S4398**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 39 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 8 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 16 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- 3 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S4399–S4400**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 4 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S4398–99**

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—217)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:50 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4398.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AI AND COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Media concluded a hearing to examine intelligent networks, focusing on powering artificial intelligence and transforming communications, after receiving testimony from Dan Watermeier, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln; Jonathan Spalter, USTelecom—The Broadband Association, Washington, D.C.; Bob Everson, Cisco Systems, Inc., Richardson, Texas; and Asad Ramzanali, Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator, Nashville, Tennessee.

TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Taxpayer Assistance and Service Act".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah B. Rogers, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media, who was introduced by Senator Cruz, Rebekah Jurata, of California, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Jennifer Johnson-Carroll, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably the following business items:

S. 5046, to prohibit the transfer of certain offices and functions of the Department of Education to other Federal agencies, with an amendment;

S. 2511, to establish a postsecondary student data system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3010, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve provisions relating to dyslexia;

S. 3589, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4097, to establish that a State-based education loan program is excluded from certain requirements relating to a preferred lender arrangement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4689, to strengthen literacy outcomes for all students, to amend the comprehensive literacy State development grant program, and to ensure Federal accountability and investment in research, teacher preparation, and evidence-based instruction aligned with the science of reading, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3333, to modify the eligibility requirements and account contribution maximum for pension-linked emergency savings accounts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4965, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to establish a Railroad Retirement Board Administrative Account, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3097, to provide additional protections with respect to health information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Erica Schwartz, of Florida, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Sean Kaufman, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services, and Keith Sonderling, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 9977–10012; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1465–1468, were introduced. **Pages H5206–7**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5208–9**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kiggans (VA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5205**

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 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIA'S EXPLOITATION IN AFRICA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee received a briefing on Russia's exploitation and engagement in Africa from Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Foreign Policy Institute; Liam Karr, AEI's Critical Threats Project; and Kateryna Stepanenko, Institute for the Study of War.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, August 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6500, AGOA Extension Act (legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution).

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

4 p.m., Monday, August 3

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 4 p.m.

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