

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4959–S5020

Measures Introduced: Seventy-four bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5494–5567, S.J. Res. 217, and S. Res. 898–910.

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Measures Reported:

S. 5526, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2031.

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Measures Passed:

John A. Hauser Mental Health in Aviation Act: Senate passed S. 3257, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations for certain individuals carrying out aviation activities who disclose a mental health diagnosis or condition, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Husted (for Hoeven/Duckworth) Amendment No. 6834, in the nature of a substitute.

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Aviation Medication Transparency Act: Senate passed S. 3258, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish the list of medications that the Administrator has compiled for purposes of the medical certification of airmen and air traffic control specialists, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act: Senate passed H.R. 2388, to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

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Telehealth Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 902, supporting the designation of the week of September 20 through September 26, 2026, as “Telehealth Awareness Week”.

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Day of Remembrance for the Workers of the Nuclear Weapons Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 903, designating October 30, 2026, as a national

day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

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Gold Star Families Remembrance Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 904, designating the week of September 20 through September 27, 2026, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”.

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National Lobster Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 905, designating September 25, 2026, as “National Lobster Day”.

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Measures Failed:

Hostilities with Iran: By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 244), Senate did not agree to H. Con. Res. 89, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran, after being discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Measures Considered:

Protect College Sports Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 242), Thune (for Cruz) Amendment No. 6776, in the nature of a substitute.

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

Thune Amendment No. 6779 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 6776), to change the enactment date (By unanimous-consent, Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Thune Amendment No. 6780 (to Amendment No. 6779), of a perfecting nature, fell when Thune Amendment No. 6779 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 6776) (listed above) was tabled.

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Thune Amendment No. 6777 (to Amendment No. 6776), to change the enactment date. (By unanimous-consent, Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Thune Amendment No. 6778 (to Amendment No. 6777), of a perfecting nature, fell when Thune Amendment No. 6777 (to Amendment No. 6776) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S4962**

By 74 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 243), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S4962**

By voice vote, Senate tabled the committee reported substitute amendment to the bill. **Page S4962**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 28, 2026, Senate resume consideration of the bill, as amended, post-cloture; that post-cloture time from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. be equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the bill, and with the opponent time under the control of Senator Booker; and that the post-cloture time expire at 5:30 p.m., and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S5020**

House Messages:

Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 283, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. **Page S5020**

Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act: Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 240, to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act. **Page S5020**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—244) **Pages S4962, S4969**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5020.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on an update on the budget of the Department of Defense from Stephen A. Feinberg, Deputy Secretary, Troy E. Meink, Secretary of the Air Force, Michael P. Duffey, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Jules W. Hurst III, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Macon D. Hughes, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and General Christopher J. Mahoney, USMC, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gerard Klomp, of Utah, to be Deputy Secretary, and Ge Bai, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, James Gadwood, of Maryland, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Andrew A. De Mello, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Nicholas Checker, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, who were both introduced by Senator Hagerty, Mark Abreu, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Natasha Franceschi, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, and John McIntyre, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Heidi Overton, of New Mexico, to be

Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anna St. John, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Gregory Carl Cook, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and John Peter Cronan, of New York, Jason Manion, of Ohio, Claire McCusker Murray, of Maryland, and Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the United States Sen-

tencing Commission, and D. Adam Candeub, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Joy Lynne Pittman Thorp, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, Steven Weinhoeft, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, William Gerald Hardy, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Alabama, Philip Lewis III, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Seth Reister, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida, and Jurgen Ryan Soekhoe, to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 85 public bills, H.R. 10530–10614; and 15 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120–121; and H. Res. 1573–1585, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 8052, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that a sterile processing technician of the Veterans Health Administration holds an appropriate professional certification, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–834);

H.R. 5436, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit an educational institution from withholding a transcript from an individual who pursued a course or program of education at such institution using Post-9/11 educational assistance, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–835); and

H.R. 4986, to amend the General Education Provisions Act to ensure that a student is not required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals personal information about such student or their family without prior written consent, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–836).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Griffith to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Senate Referrals: S. 1363 was held at the desk. S. 1962 was held at the desk. S. 2933 was held at the desk. S. 3404 was held at the desk. **Pages H5997–98**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5997.

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 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, September 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 4668, Protect College Sports Act, as amended, post-cloture, with the time from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. equally divided between proponents and opponents of the bill. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.

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