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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

The Senate met at 3:07 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KATIE BOYD BRITT, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KATIE BOYD BRITT, a Senator from the State of Alabama, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. BRITT thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Maine.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the morning hour be deemed expired.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Journal of proceedings be approved to date.
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3674. A bill to expand and clarify the grounds for civil denaturalization proceedings for individuals who have defrauded a governmental program, joined a terrorist organization, or committed certain criminal offenses.

H.R. 7148. An act making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR EN BLOC

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I understand that there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3674) to expand and clarify the grounds for civil denaturalization proceedings for individuals who have defrauded a governmental program, joined a terrorist organization, or committed certain criminal offenses.

A bill (H.R. 7148) making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

Ms. COLLINS. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV.

APPROPRIATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, this is a very important week in the Senate for many reasons. We will be voting on whether to proceed to the final six-bill package of appropriations bills sent to us by the House of Representatives. This package includes the following full-year funding bills for the Department of Defense, Financial Services, and General Government; Homeland Security; Labor, Health, and Human

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Services, and Education; National Security; Department of State and Related Programs; and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development.

Madam President, as a valued and important member of the Appropriations Committee, you know well that these are fiscally responsible bills that reflect many months of hard work and deliberation from Members from both parties and from both sides of the Capitol. They reflect input from nearly every Senator. Our subcommittees received more than 31,000—31,000—requests from Senators for these six bills alone.

Over the last months, our subcommittees have worked through all of these requests and done a great deal of important work. They have also worked hard on a bipartisan basis with their House counterparts to reconcile House and Senate priorities for these bills, as well as those of the administration. This was not an easy task.

In developing the final fiscal year 2026 appropriations bills, the House and Senate committees worked from a top line that is less than what Congress would spend under a continuing resolution. Priorities were realigned. Difficult decisions were made. This process resulted in successful bipartisan votes in the House of Representatives to approve these six bills.

Now, it is the Senate's turn to show that we can work together in a bipartisan manner to finish the job. It is so important that we do so because looming is a government shutdown—another harmful, unnecessary, and disastrous government shutdown—if we do

not complete our work. Now, there are so many important provisions in these bills that need to become law, I am not going to go through them at this time, but I will later in this week.

Let me say that the tragic death of Alex Pretti has refocused attention on the Homeland Security bill, and I recognize that and share the concerns. I do want to point out to my colleagues that there are many safeguards that have been put in this bill that I would encourage them to review and that the vast majority of the funding in this bill—more than 80 percent—is for non-immigration and nonborder security functions.

It includes, for example, funding for FEMA. We have just gone through a horrific storm that has caused a lot of damage, and FEMA is very important. It includes funding for TSA. Those of us who travel back and forth to our home States every weekend are well aware of the work of TSA in keeping us safe. It includes funding for cyber security and physical infrastructure protection. And important to the States of the Presiding Officer and the State of Maine, it includes funding for the U.S. Coast Guard.

So I know that there will be many more speeches and discussions of all of the bills that are included in this package, but let me just say that I hope we can come together in a constructive way to get this done and to ensure that we do not lurch into a dangerous and detrimental government shutdown. So that is my goal, and I look forward to working with our colleagues this week to accomplish that objective.

As I said, I will have more to say on each of the bills as the week progresses.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY
27, 2026

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date; the morning hour be deemed expired; the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that the Senate be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate execute the order of January 26 in relation to the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 300, S. 3627.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M.
TOMORROW

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:16 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 3 p.m.