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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 12 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

(Legislative day of Tuesday, April 14, 2026)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable KATIE BOYD BRITT, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, today, give us zeal with knowledge that will order our priorities for Your glory. Remind us to strive to bring deliverance to captives, sight to the morally blind, and uplift to the downtrodden.

As our lawmakers make plans, give them faith to know that Your principles, priorities, and purposes will prevail. As our Senators cultivate reverence for You, bless them with safety, security, and peace.

Lord, let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with us.

We pray in Your transcendent Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 17, 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

AMENDING THE FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008 TO EXTEND THE AUTHORITIES OF TITLE VII OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT OF 1978 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of H.R. 8322, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 8322) to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 through April 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection to proceeding to the measure?

Mr. WYDEN. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, Americans understand that every single day there are abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. And the reality is, a growing number of Democrats and Republicans are now saying that a straight extension of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act law is absolutely unacceptable in any way, shape, or form.

So it is clear it is time for real reforms to protect Americans from warrantless surveillance by a government that they rightly do not trust.

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