

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5719–S5839

Measures Introduced: Seventy-one bills and fifteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4921–4991, S.J. Res. 107–108, S. Res. 794–805, and S. Con. Res. 40.

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Measures Reported:

S. 4921, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–204)

S. 4927, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–205)

S. 4928, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–206)

S. 4942, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (S. Rept. No. 118–207)

S. 2088, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. (S. Rept. No. 118–208)

H.R. 599, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”.

H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1098, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office”.

H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue

in Modesto, California, as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3608, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California, as the “Major Megan McClung Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”.

H.R. 5476, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the “Susan C. Barnhart Post Office”.

H.R. 5640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5712, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the “Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the “Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6073, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in Necedah, Wisconsin, as the “Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building”.

H.R. 7192, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the “Dr. William I. ‘Bill’ Kott Post Office Building”.

H.R. 7199, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the “Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office”.

H.R. 7423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the “Luke Letlow Post Office Building”.

S. 275, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1570, to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening.

S. 1956, to improve the commercialization of Federal research by domestic manufacturers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2086, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2233, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2498, to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2546, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the “Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office”.

S. 3277, to amend the Marine Debris Act to reauthorize the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 3475, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Transportation to designate an authorized operator of the commercial driver’s license information system.

S. 3788, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3849, to promote United States leadership in technical standards by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Department of State to take certain actions to encourage and enable United States participation in developing standards and specifications for artificial intelligence and other critical and emerging technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3943, to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet.

S. 3946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1106 Main Street in

Bastrop, Texas, as the “Sergeant Major Billy D. Waugh Post Office”.

S. 3959, to require the Transportation Security Administration to streamline the enrollment processes for individuals applying for a Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment for certain programs, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential and Hazardous Materials Endorsement Threat Assessment programs of the Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Dianne Feinstein Post Office”.

S. 4107, to require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4394, to support National Science Foundation education and professional development relating to artificial intelligence, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4487, to require the Secretary of Commerce to develop artificial intelligence training resources and toolkits for United States small businesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed S. 4367, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Capito (for Carper/Capito) Amendment No. 3224, in the nature of a substitute.

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Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act: Senate passed S. 4199, to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Saving Money and Accelerating Repairs Through Leasing Act: Senate passed S. 211, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to establish an enhanced use lease pilot program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Reauthorizing Support and Treatment for Officers in Crisis Act: Senate passed S. 4235, to amend

the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support for law enforcement officers and families. **Page S5836**

Private First Class Desmond T. Doss VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3938, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lynchburg, Virginia, as the "Private First Class Desmond T. Doss VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S5836**

Honoring the Memory of the Victims of the Mass Shooting at the Fourth of July Parade in Highland Park, Illinois: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 752, expressing the condolences of the Senate and honoring the memory of the victims on the second anniversary of the mass shooting at the Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois, on July 4, 2022, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5836**

Calling for the Immediate Release of George Glezmman: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 753, calling for the immediate release of George Glezmman, a United States citizen who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on December 5, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of all Americans by the Taliban, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5836**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 797, designating August 16, 2024, as "National Airborne Day". **Page S5788**

Mann Gulch Memorial Tribute Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 798, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Mann Gulch fire by designating August 5, 2024, as "Mann Gulch Memorial Tribute Day". **Pages S5788–89**

Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 799, supporting the goals and ideals of Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day on August 21, 2024. **Page S5789**

Condemning the Attempted Assassination of Former President Donald J. Trump: Senate agreed to S. Res. 800, condemning the attempted assassination of former President Donald J. Trump during a political rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, honoring the victims who were killed and injured at the rally, and calling for unity and civility in the United States. **Page S5789**

Honoring William "Willie" Howard Mays, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 801, honoring the life and enduring legacy of William "Willie" Howard Mays, Jr. **Pages S5789–90**

National Catfish Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 802, designating August 2024 as "National Catfish Month". **Page S5790**

Measures Considered:

Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7024, to make improvements to the child tax credit, to provide tax incentives to promote economic growth, to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States, to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters, to make improvements to the low-income housing tax credit. **Pages S5746–49**

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

By 48 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 230), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5746–49**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S5836–37**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Friday, August 2, 2024, at 12 noon; Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.; Friday, August 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 9:15 a.m.; Friday, August 16, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 8 a.m.; Friday, August 23, 2024, at 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 9 a.m.; Friday, August 30, 2024, at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 12:45 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, September 5, 2024, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2024. **Page S5837**

Abelson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of

Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Pages S5749–50**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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, August 1, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2024. **Page S5750**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5749**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, August 1, 2024, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2024. **Page S5837**

Vargas Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeannette A. Vargas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S5750**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S5750**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5750**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5750**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 59 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 229), Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations. **Pages S5719–23**

Dafna Hochman Rand, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. **Pages S5761–62**

David O. Barnett, Jr., of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years. **Page S5762**

Michael Louis Sulmeyer, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S5838**

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S5722, S5749**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m., until 12 noon on Friday, August 2, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5838.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 4927) entitled, "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act";

An original bill (S. 4921) entitled, "Department of Defense Appropriations Act";

An original bill (S. 4942) entitled, "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act"; and

An original bill (S. 4928) entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, and Joshua L. Ditelberg, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Mark G. Eskenazi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.