

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4577–S4685

Measures Introduced: Thirty-eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2387–2424, S.J. Res. 68, S. Res. 333–334, and S. Con. Res. 19. **Pages S4623–25**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Florida Panthers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, commending and congratulating the Florida Panthers on winning the 2025 Stanley Cup Final. **Pages S4584–85**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 39, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act. **Page S4685**

Danish Constitution Day Celebrations: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 267, honoring the deep and enduring friendship between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United States on the occasion of Danish Constitution Day celebrations, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4685**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S4577–81, S4585–88, S4588–98**

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

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 428), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4588**

Lohmeier Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Matthew Lohmeier, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S4617–18**

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 433), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4617**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 24, 2025, post-cloture; Notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m., and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Richard Topping, of Ohio, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation thereon; provided further if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, no earlier than Monday, July 28, 2025. **Page S4685**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 426), Arielle Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. **Pages S4581, S4685**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 427), John Hurley, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Pages S4581–82, S4685**

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 430), Zachary M. Bluestone, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S4598–S4606, S4685**

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 429), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4598**

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 432), Aaron Szabo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S4606–17, S4685**

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

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 431), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4606**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Army, Navy, and Space Force.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S4621–22**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4684**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—433) **Pages S4581–82, S4588, S4598, S4606, S4617**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4685.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Sam Graves, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Craig Trainor, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029, Francis Brooke, of Vir-

ginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and David Peters, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Seval Oz, of California, and Michael Rutherford, of Florida, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INCREASED ELECTRICITY DEMAND

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges to meeting increased electricity demand, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Hunstman, Huntsman Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas; Jeff Tench, Vantage Data Centers, Denver, Colorado; and Rob Gramlich, Grid Strategies LLC, Bethesda, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine the road ahead, focusing on proposals to improve America's transportation infrastructure, including S. 1167, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve transportation asset management plans, S. 1828, to amend title 23, United States Code, to require States to designate a coordinator of the safe routes to school program in the State, and S. 1733, to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for increased transferability of Federal-aid highway funds, after receiving testimony from Chad M. Orn, North Dakota Department of Transportation Deputy Director of Planning, Bismarck; Samantha Biddle, Maryland Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary, Hanover; and Marisa Jones, Safe Routes Partnership, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Arrigo, of

Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and Christine Torette, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, both of the Department of State.

TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine dismantling transnational criminal organizations in the Americas, after receiving testimony from Christopher Urben, Nardello and Co, and Vanda Felbab-Brown, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine United States diplomatic strategies for a dynamic Middle East, after receiving testimony from Brian Hook, former Special Representative for Iran, and Daniel B. Shapiro, former Ambassador to Israel, both of the Department of State, Washington, D.C.; and Shelly Culbertson, RAND, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CHOICE AND LITERACY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and the American Family concluded a hearing to examine choice and literacy, focusing on empowering families for better educational results, after receiving testimony from Tyler Barnett, New Schools for Alabama, Birmingham; Anne Wicks, George W. Bush Institute, Dallas, Texas; Virginia Gentles, Defense of Freedom Institute, Arlington, Virginia; and Richard Barrera, San Diego Unified School Board, San Diego, California.

CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine ending illegal discrimination and preferences, focusing on enforcing our civil rights laws, after receiving testi-

mony from Harmeet K. Dhillon, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Alabama State Senator Robert Stewart, Jr., District 23, Selma; and Gene Hamilton, America First Legal Foundation, Washington, D.C.

INNOVATION IN THE CROSSHAIRS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovation in the crosshairs, focusing on countering China's industrial espionage, including S.853, to improve the SBIR and STTR programs under the Small Business Act, and S.330, to impose sanctions with respect to persons that operate in a sector of the economy of the People's Republic of China in which the person has engaged in a pattern of significant theft of the intellectual property of a United States person, after receiving testimony from Emily De La Bruyere, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Sujai Shivakumar, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and William C. Hannas, Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Reston, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Bartrum, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, who was introduced by Senator Sheehy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 130 public bills, H.R. 4624–4753; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 109–111; H. Con. Res. 45–46; and H. Res. 601–610, were introduced. **Pages H3641–47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3650–51**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kelly (MS) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3557**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H3569**

Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individual to the Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution: Honorable Kathy Manning of Greensboro, North Carolina. **Pages H3571–72**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3572**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025: H.R. 4275, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, to establish the Secretary of the Coast Guard, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 218; and **Pages H3572–H3620**

China Financial Threat Mitigation Act of 2025: H.R. 1549, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct a study and report on the exposure of the United States to the financial sector of the People's Republic of China. **Pages H3620–21**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H3621**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, July 21st. **Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act:** H.R. 3357, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers with a multi-class stock structure to make certain disclosures in any proxy or consent solicitation material, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 381 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 217. **Pages H3621–22**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Higgins (LA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 539) censuring Representative LaMonica McIver and removing her from the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H3623**

Office of Congressional Conduct: The House received a message from the Clerk. Pursuant to section 1(k) of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, and section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, the Clerk transmitted a notification that the following individuals each have signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after they are no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Con-

gressional Conduct: Ana Mikaela Aaland, Heejung A. Cho, Jody B. Hice, and Cheryl L. Johnson. Copies of the signed agreements will be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House. **Page H3627**

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Wednesday, July 23, 2025, through Monday, September 1, 2025, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H3627**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3569.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3621–22 and H3622–23.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AN EXAMINATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSITION 12

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Implications of Proposition 12”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs FY 2026 Appropriations Bill. The National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs FY 2026 Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

REFORMING DEFENSE ACQUISITION TO DELIVER CAPABILITY AT THE SPEED OF RELEVANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reforming Defense Acquisition to Deliver Capability at the Speed of Relevance”. Testimony was heard from William D. Bailey, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Department of the Air Force; Michael Duffey, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Jason L. Potter, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of the Navy; Major General Stephen Purdy, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Space Acquisition and Integration), Department of the Air Force; and Jesse D. Tolleson,

Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Department of the Army.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1319, the “Modern Worker Empowerment Act”; H.R. 1320, the “Modern Worker Security Act”; H.R. 4366, the “Save Local Business Act”; and H.R. 4312, the “Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements Act”. H.R. 1319, H.R. 1320, H.R. 4366, and H.R. 4312 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4312, the “Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements Act”; and H.R. 4273, the “Over-the-Counter Monograph Drug User Fee Amendments”. H.R. 4312 and H.R. 4273 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 3074, the “Common Cents Act”; H.R. 3190, the “BRAVE Burma Act”; H.R. 3390, the “Bringing the Discount Window into the 21st Century Act”; H.R. 3673, the “Small Business Investor Capital Access Act”; H.R. 4346, the “Preventing the Escalation of Armed Conflict in Europe (PEACE) Act of 2025”; H.R. 4423, the “No New Burma Funds Act”; H.R. 4427, the “Syria Sanctions Accountability Act”; H.R. 4429, the “Developing and Empowering our Aspiring Leaders Act of 2025”; H.R. 4430, the “Expanding WKSI Eligibility Act”; H.R. 4431, the “Improving Capital Allocation for Newcomers Act”; H.R. 4437, the “Supervisory Modifications for Appropriate Risk-Based Testing Act of 2025”; H.R. 4544, the “American Access to Banking Act”; H.R. 3446, the “FDIC Board Accountability Act”; H.R. 4449, the “Advocating for Small Business Act”; H.R. 4460, the “Stop Agency Fiat Enforcement of Guidance Act”; H.R. 4478, the “Tailored Regulatory Updates for Supervisory Testing Act of 2025”; and a Resolution Reestablishing the Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity of the Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3074, H.R. 3190, H.R. 3390, H.R. 3673, H.R. 4346, H.R. 4423, H.R. 4427, H.R. 4429, H.R. 4430, H.R. 4431, H.R. 4437, and H.R. 4544 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3446, H.R. 4449, H.R. 4460, and H.R. 4478 were ordered reported, without amendment. The Resolution Reestablishing the Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treas-

ury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity of the Committee on Financial Services, was agreed to.

FISCAL YEAR 26 STATE DEPARTMENT POSTURE: BUREAU OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FY26 State Department Posture: Bureau of Political Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Allison Hooker, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Department of State.

BUREAU OF COUNTERTERRORISM FISCAL YEAR 26 BUDGET POSTURE HEARING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Counterterrorism FY26 Budget Posture Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Gregory D. LoGerfo, Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 839, to prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 178, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes; H.R. 179, the “Proven Forest Management Act of 2025”; H.R. 345, the “Fire Department Repayment Act of 2025”; H.R. 1276, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky; H.R. 2290, the “World War II Women’s Memorial Location Act”; H.R. 2302, the “Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Land Transfer Act of 2025”; H.R. 2400, the “Pit River Land Transfer Act of 2025”; H.R. 3857, the “Snow Water Supply Forecasting Reauthorization Act of 2025”; H.R. 4285, the “STARS Act”; H.R. 2294, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009; H.R. 3620, the “Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act of 2025”; H.R. 528, the “Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Act of 2025”; and H.R. 1045, the “Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act of 2025”. H.R. 839, H.R. 178, H.R. 179, H.R. 345, H.R. 1276, H.R. 2290, H.R. 2302, H.R. 2400, H.R. 3857, H.R. 4285 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2294, H.R. 3620, H.R. 528, and H.R. 1045 were ordered reported, without amendment.

AN UPDATE ON MAIL THEFT AND CRIME

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “An Update on Mail Theft and Crime”. Testimony was heard from Brendan Donahue, Inspector in Charge, U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Anthony Holloway, Chief of Police, St. Petersburg

Police Department, Florida; Julius Rothstein, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

**CATCH AND RELEASE, LOSE AND FORGET:
ADDRESSING THE CRISIS OF
UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN—
PART I**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Catch and Release, Lose and Forget: Addressing the Crisis of Unaccompanied Alien Children—Part I”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Cuffari, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

**FIXING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
EXAMINING IMPROVEMENTS TO FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY’S
DISASTER RESPONSE**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Fixing Emergency Management: Examining Improvements to FEMA’s Disaster Response”. Testimony was heard from David Richardson, Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 740, the “Veterans’ ACCESS Act of 2025”; H.R. 1663, the “Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act of 2025”; H.R. 3400, the “TRAVEL Act of 2025”; H.R. 2605, the “SAVES Act”; H.R. 3483, the “FRAUD Act”; H.R. 3494, the “VA Hospital Inventory Management System Authorization Act”; H.R. 2334, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to preempt any squatter’s rights established by State law regarding real property owned by a member of the uniformed services; H.R. 3863, the “VA Mental Health Outreach and Engagement Act”; H.R. 2137, the “Review Every Veterans Claim Act of 2025”; H.R. 3123, the “Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act”; H.R. 3834, the “Protecting Veteran’s Claim Options Act”; H.R. 2701, the “Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act”; H.R. 2721, the “Honoring Our Heroes Act of 2025”; H.R. 3767, the “Health Professionals Scholarship Program Improvement Act of 2025”; H.R. 2791, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of housing loan guaranty entitlement available to certain veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3481, the “Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 3579, the

“Veterans Readiness and Employment Program Integrity Act”; H.R. 2954, the “Veterans’ Transition to Trucking Act of 2025”; H.R. 3812, the “Stop Troubling Retroactive Invoices for Veteran Expenses Act of 2025”; H.R. 2034, the “Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act”; H.R. 3951, the “Rural Veterans Improved Access to Benefits Act of 2025”; H.R. 3455, the “Veterans Affairs Distributed Ledger Innovation Act”; H.R. 659, the “Veterans Law Judge Experience Act of 2025”; H.R. 4446, the “FAST VETS Act”; Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution FY25; and Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution PACT Act. H.R. 740, H.R. 1663, H.R. 3400, H.R. 2605, H.R. 3483, H.R. 3494, H.R. 2334, H.R. 3863, H.R. 2137, H.R. 3123, H.R. 3834, H.R. 2701, H.R. 2721, H.R. 3767, H.R. 2791, H.R. 3481, H.R. 3579, H.R. 2954, H.R. 3812, and H.R. 2034 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3951, H.R. 3455, H.R. 659, H.R. 4446, Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution FY25; and Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution PACT Act were ordered reported, without amendment.

**UNITED WE STAND: STRATEGIES TO
COUNTER PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ECONOMIC COERCION AGAINST
DEMOCRACIES**

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “United We Stand: Strategies to Counter PRC Economic Coercion Against Democracies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”, and an original bill entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Daryl L. Caudle, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense, 9:15 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to

be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the Rank of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, 11:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of David Brian Castillo, of Washington, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, Brian Christine, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Brittany Panuccio, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2029, Jonathan Snare, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2029, David Barker, of Iowa, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Mary Riley, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, both of the Department of Education, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine empowering workers by expanding employee ownership, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pedro Allende, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Paul Ingrassia, of New York, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Anthony Lomangino, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2031, John LaValle, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2030, Charles Arrington, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2030, Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector Gen-

eral of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1038, to direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, S. 1098, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, S. 1528, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations, and the nominations of Kurt Alme, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Nicholas Chase, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota, Lesley Murphy, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Daniel Rosen, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Erik Siebert, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Kurt Wall, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies FY 2026 Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine intercepting terror, focusing on strengthening Ukrainian air defense, 2 p.m., 210-CHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Matthew Lohmeier, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, with a vote on confirmation thereon at approximately 11:30 a.m. Following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard Topping, of Ohio, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

At 1:45 p.m., if cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Richard Topping, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, July 25

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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