

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-designate Andy Kim, of New Jersey, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senator-elect Pete Ricketts, of Nebraska, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senator-designate Adam B. Schiff, of California, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 5452–5459 **Pages S6871–72**

Measures Reported:

S. 559, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–266)

S. 1444, to increase the pay and enhance the training of United States Border Patrol agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–267)

S. 1862, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide explicit authority for the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to work with international partners on cybersecurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–268)

S. 1897, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance capabilities for outbound inspections at the southern land border, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–269)

S. 2248, to require a pilot program on the use of big data analytics to identify vessels evading sanctions and export controls and to require a report on the availability in the United States of emerging and foundational technologies subject to export controls, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–270)

S. 2251, to improve the cybersecurity of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–271)

S. 2367, to improve border security through regular assessments and evaluations of the Checkpoint Program Management Office and effective training of U.S. Border Patrol agents regarding drug seizures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–272)

S. 4024, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–273)

S. 4055, to provide for a pilot program to improve contracting outcomes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–274)

S. 4062, to establish a pilot program to assess the use of technology to speed up and enhance the cargo inspection process at land ports of entry along the border, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–275)

S. 4066, to improve Federal technology procurement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–276)

S. 4631, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum education requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–277)

S. 4656, to amend title 5, United States Code, concerning restrictions on the participation of certain Federal employees in partisan political activity. (S. Rept. No. 118–278)

S. 4672, to require the Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assess current efforts to respond to hazardous weather and water events at or near United States borders and, to the extent such efforts may be improved, to develop a hazardous weather and water events preparedness and response strategy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–279)

S. 4697, to enhance the cybersecurity of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–280)

S. 5092, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and northern border strategy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–281)

S. 5098, to require certain agencies to develop plans for internal control in the event of an emergency or crisis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–282)

H.R. 5887, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to improve Government service delivery, and build related capacity for the Federal Government, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–283)

H.R. 7219, to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–284)

H.R. 7524, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made. (S. Rept. No. 118–285)

H.R. 7525, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations. (S. Rept. No. 118–286)

S. 4294, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to negotiate with the Government of Canada regarding an agreement for integrated cross border aerial law enforcement operations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–287)

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Swearing In of Senator Kim: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Andy Kim, of the State of New Jersey, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Swearing In of Senator Ricketts: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Pete Ricketts, of the State of Nebraska, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Swearing In of Senator Schiff: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Adam B. Schiff, of the State of California, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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McFerran Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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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 on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 10, 2024; and that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, as provided under the order of Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

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Ditelberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joshua L. Ditelberg, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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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 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 48 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 317), Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Privileges of the Floor: Page S6872

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—317) Page S6868

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:05 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6888.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 10330–10331; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1611, were introduced. Page H6537

Additional Cosponsors: Page H6538

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Strong to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H6445

Recess: The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H6450

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignations of the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Kim, and the gentleman from California, Mr. Schiff, the whole number of the House is 431. Page H6451

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

Designating United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the "National Medal of Honor Highway": S. 1478, to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the "National Medal of Honor Highway"; Pages H6451–52

Strengthening the Commercial Driver's License Information System Act: 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; Pages H6452–53

Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary of National Significance Act: S. 50, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to give priority consideration to selecting Pensacola and Perdido Bays as an estuary of national significance; Page H6529

Disaster Contract Improvement Act: S. 310, to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal; Pages H6530–31

Weather Alert Response and Notification Act: H.R. 2892, amended, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of local alerting systems; Pages H6531–32

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of emergency alerting systems, and for other purposes"; Pages H6531–32

FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act: H.R. 2672, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to

provide for the authority to reimburse local governments or electric cooperatives for interest expenses;

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Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act: H.R. 7671, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects; **Pages H6534–35**

Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience Act of 2024: H.R. 9541, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize Federal agencies to provide certain essential assistance for hazard mitigation for electric utilities; **Pages H6535–36**

Amtrak Executive Bonus Disclosure Act: H.R. 8689, amended, to require Amtrak to publicly disclose certain bonus compensation paid to Amtrak executives; and **Pages H6536–37**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 49, United States Code, to require Amtrak to include information on base pay and bonus compensation of certain Amtrak executives, and for other purposes.”. **Pages H6536–37**

Law Revision Counsel of the United States House of Representatives: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Mr. Brian Lindsey as Law Revision Counsel of the United States House of Representatives, effective October 2, 2024.

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Providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1611, providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress. **Page H6537**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act: S. 4367, amended, 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; and

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Improving Federal Building Security Act of 2024: S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security. **Pages H6529–30**

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 12 p.m. and adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LIBERTY IN LAUNDRY ACT; JUDICIAL UNDERSTAFFING DELAYS GETTING EMERGENCIES SOLVED ACT OF 2024; SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE WILD ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7673, the “Liberty in Laundry Act”; S. 4199, the “Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2024”; the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5009, the “WILD Act” [Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025]. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 5–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7673, the “Liberty in Laundry Act”, S. 4199, the “Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2024”, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 5009, the “Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7673, the “Liberty in Laundry Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of S. 4199, the “Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to commit. The rule further provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5009, the “Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025”. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules

Committee Print 118–52. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services may insert in the Congressional Record not later than December 10, 2024, such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendment and the motion specified in section 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Alabama, Chairman Jordan, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Nadler, Duncan, and Pallone.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine mass deportations, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, budget hearing and oversight hearing on the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology, hearing entitled “Given the Green Light: Open Border Policies and Threats to Law Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, joint hearing entitled “Safeguarding the Homeland from Unmanned Aerial Systems”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Desecrating Old Glory: Investigating How the Pro-Hamas Protests Turned National Park Service Land into a Violent Disgrace”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 10 through December 13,
2024

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 11, business meeting to consider the nominations of Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Gordon I. Ito, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine consumer protection, focusing on protecting workers’ money and fighting for the dignity of work, 9:45 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 11, Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, to hold hearings to examine communications networks safety and security, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

December 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, and Lanhee J. Chen, of California, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Lisa T. Ballance, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Felix R. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, and Adam Jeffrey White, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, L.E. Sola, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation hearing to examine U.S. Air Traffic Control systems, personnel, and safety, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 10, to hold hearings to examine mass deportations, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

December 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Benjamin J. Cheeks, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Serena Raquel Murillo, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Rules and Administration: December 11, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Capitol Police, 2:45 p.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 10, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 11, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: December 12, to hold hearings to examine empowering people with disabilities to live, work, learn, and thrive, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, December 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Sounding the Alarm: Pathways and Possible Solutions to the U.S. Fiscal Crisis”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, December 11, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and

Priorities of AmeriCorps and Its FY 2024 Audit Failure”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Assessment of the State Department’s Withdrawal from Afghanistan by America’s Top Diplomat”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 11, Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Communist Cuban Regime’s Disregard for Human Rights”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 11, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementation”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, December 11, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of the Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Program”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

December 12, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Modernizing VA: Lessons Learned in the 118th Congress”, 8 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Tuesday's session.

(Senate will recess following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Keli Marie Neary until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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