

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7045–S7061

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5533–5543, and S. Res. 927. **Pages S7058–59**

Measures Reported:

S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–290)

S. 4495, to enable safe, responsible, and agile procurement, development, and use of artificial intelligence by the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–291)

S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–292)

S. 4898, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–293)

S. 4900, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–294)

S. 5099, to prescribe requirements relating to the management of the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island, New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–295)

S. 5310, to amend title 41, United States Code, to make changes with respect to the Federal Acquisition Security Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–296)

H.R. 255, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collec-

tion and preliminary damage assessments. (S. Rept. No. 118–297)

H.R. 272, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations. (S. Rept. No. 118–298)

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Measures Passed:

Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act: Senate passed H.R. 8413, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska. **Pages S7053–54**

Lahaina National Heritage Area Study Act: Senate passed H.R. 8219, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area. **Pages S7053–54**

BADGES for Native Communities Act: Senate passed S. 465, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7054–56**

DHS Border Services Contracts Review Act: Senate passed H.R. 4467, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico. **Pages S7056–57**

Contaminated Wells Relocation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 5300, to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reimburse the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for costs directly associated with the removal and replacement of certain drinking water wells, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7057**

Fair Credit for American Hostages Act: Senate passed S. 5543, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports containing adverse items of information about a consumer that resulted from

that consumer being unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad or held hostage abroad. **Page S7057**

GSA Technology Accountability Act: Senate passed 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. **Page S7057**

Texas and California District Courts: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 5465, to clarify where court may be held for certain district courts in Texas and California, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7057–58**

Northern District of Alabama: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7177, to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7058**

House Messages:

Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 5009, to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S7045–48**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 3317 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), to add an effective date. **Page S7045**

Schumer Amendment No. 3318 (to Amendment No. 3317), to add an effective date. **Page S7045**

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

By 83 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 324), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7053**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 3319, to add an effective date, fell when cloture was invoked on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7045**

Schumer Amendment No. 3320 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3319) of the motion to refer), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 3319 (listed above) fell. **Page S7045**

Schumer Amendment No. 3321 (to Amendment No. 3320), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 3320 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3319) of the motion to refer) fell. **Page S7045**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House Message to accompany the bill, post cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2024; and that all time during recess, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture. **Page S7061**

Government Service Delivery Improvement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that 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, which on September 18, 2024, was reported without amendment favorably from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, be star printed with text that reflects the committee's action. **Page S7054**

Cheeks Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Benjamin J. Cheeks, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S7048**

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 18, 2024. **Page S7048**

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 S7048**

Murillo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Serena Raquel Murillo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S7048**

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 Benjamin J. Cheeks, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S7048**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7048**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7048**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2029. **Page S7061**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S7059**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7060–61**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—324) **Page S7053**

Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 10410–10441, were introduced.

Pages H7228–30

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7230–31**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 670, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–874);

H.R. 3120, to ban anticompetitive terms in facility and insurance contracts that limit access to higher quality, lower cost care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–875, Part 1);

H.R. 9457, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to prohibit increased payments under a group health plan or group health insurance coverage for telehealth services furnished by a provider located at a facility, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–876, Part 1);

H.J. Res. 181, providing for congressional disapproval—under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Definition of ‘Employer’-Association Health Plans” (H. Rept. 118–877);

H.J. Res. 142, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Retirement Security Rule: Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary” (H. Rept. 118–878);

H.R. 9533, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to optimize conservation through resource prioritization, incentivize wildlife conservation on private lands, provide for greater incentives to recover listed species, create greater transparency and accountability in recovering listed species, and limit reasonable and prudent measures, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–879);

H.R. 8665, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to direct research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities in support of supercritical geothermal and closed-loop geothermal systems in supercritical various conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–880, Part 1);

H.R. 4748, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–881);

H.R. 6210, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–882);

H.R. 6489, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–883);

H.R. 1586, to allow the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use a fire retardant, chemical, or water for fire suppression, control,

or prevention activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–721, Part 2);

H.R. 6494, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–884, Part 1);

H.R. 5089, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–885, Part 1);

H. Res. 1616, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 115) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–886); and

H.R. 9748, to require the Under Secretary of the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide policy and process to safeguard research and development from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information in research and development acquisitions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–887). **Pages H7227–28**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzgerald to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7145**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7148**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rear Admiral Gregory Todd, Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy, Washington, DC **Page H7148**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Armstrong, wherein he resigned as Representative for the At-Large District of North Dakota, effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 14, 2024. **Page H7148**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from North Dakota, Mr. Armstrong, the whole number of the House is 430. **Page H7148**

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

Secure Handling of Internet Electronic Donations Act: H.R. 9488, amended, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the disclosure of the card verification value as a condition of the acceptance of online contributions made through the use of credit or debit cards in elections for Federal office and to prohibit the acceptance of

contributions made through the use of gift cards and prepaid credit cards in such elections; **Pages H7149–51**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the disclosure of the card verification value as a condition of the acceptance of online contributions made through the use of credit or debit cards in elections for Federal office and to prohibit the acceptance of contributions made through the use of gift cards in such elections, and for other purposes”; **Page H7149**

No Congressionally Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now Act: S. 932, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses; **Pages H7151–53**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress Sunset Act of 2024: H.R. 9489, to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; **Page H7153**

House Office of Legislative Counsel Modernization Act: H.R. 9487, to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 to authorize the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives to designate more than one of the attorneys of the Office of the Legislative Counsel as a Deputy Legislative Counsel; **Pages H7153–54**

Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule Act: H.R. 6394, amended, to provide for the creation of a Congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States; **Pages H7154–56**

Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act: H.R. 3343, to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a plan for the Assistant Secretary to track the acceptance, processing, and disposal of certain Form 299s; **Pages H7156–57**

Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act: H.R. 1377, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies; **Pages H7157–59**

Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act: H.R. 3293, amended, to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an interagency strike force to ensure that certain Federal land management agencies, including the organizational units of such

agencies, prioritize the review of requests for communications use authorizations; **Pages H7159–61**

Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 7213, to amend the Public Health Service Act to [enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism/reauthorize certain programs with respect to autism spectrum disorder?], by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 502; **Pages H7161–64, H7219–20**

Amending the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program: H.R. 7224, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; **Pages H7164–66**

Amending the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions: S. 223, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions; **Page H7166**

Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act: H.R. 4534, amended, to require a review of women and lung cancer; **Pages H7166–67**

Shandra Eisenga Human Cell and Tissue Product Safety Act: H.R. 7188, amended, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national, evidence-based education campaign to increase public and health care provider awareness regarding the potential risks and benefits of human cell and tissue products transplants; **Pages H7167–70**

Honor Our Living Donors Act: H.R. 6020, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate consideration of the income of organ recipients in providing reimbursement of expenses to donating individuals; **Pages H7170–71**

Amending title 36, United States Code, to designate the bald eagle as the national bird: S. 4610, to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the bald eagle as the national bird; **Pages H7171–72**

Federal Judiciary Stabilization Act: S. 3998, to provide for the permanent appointment of certain temporary district judgeships, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 503; **Pages H7172–73, H7220,**

Designating the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the James Mountain Inhofe VA Medical Center: S. 5314, to designate the medical center of the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the James Mountain Inhofe VA Medical Center; **Pages H7173–74**

Designating the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lynchburg, Virginia, as the “Private First Class Desmond T. Doss VA Clinic”: 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”; **Pages H7174–75**

Naming the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, as the “Henry Parham VA Clinic”: H.R. 4955, to name the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, as the “Henry Parham VA Clinic”; **Pages H7175–77**

Renaming the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Cadillac, Michigan, as the “Duane E. Dewey VA Clinic”: H.R. 8667, to rename the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Cadillac, Michigan, as the “Duane E. Dewey VA Clinic”; **Pages H7177–78**

Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Auburn, California, as the “Louis A. Conter VA Clinic”: H.R. 9124, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Auburn, California, as the “Louis A. Conter VA Clinic”; **Pages H7178–79**

Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act: S. 141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 504; **Pages H7179–H7207, H7220–21**

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act: S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H7207–09**

Reducing Excessive Vetting Authorities to Maintain our Ports Act: H.R. 8150, amended, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities; **Pages H7209–10**

Working Dog Health and Welfare Act: S. 2414, to require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government

Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs; **Pages H7210–11**

Financial Management Risk Reduction Act: S. 4716, to amend section 7504 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the single audit requirements; **Pages H7211–12**

Federal Improvement in Technology Procurement Act: H.R. 9595, to improve Federal technology procurement; **Pages H7212–14**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1535 East Los Ebanos Boulevard in Brownsville, Texas, as the “1st Lieutenant Andres Zermeno Post Office Building”: H.R. 6244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1535 East Los Ebanos Boulevard in Brownsville, Texas, as the “1st Lieutenant Andres Zermeno Post Office Building”;

Pages H7214–15

Designating 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. 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”;

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Chance to Compete Act: S. 59, to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills- and competency-based hiring; and

Pages H7215–18

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 Steuart Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Dianne Feinstein Post Office”: 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”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 39 nays with 5 answering “present”, Roll No. 505.

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Senate Referrals: S. 920 was held at the desk. S. 3857 was held at the desk. S. 4000 was held at the desk. S. 59 was held at the desk. S. 141 was held at the desk. S. 2513 was held at the desk. S. 2783 was held at the desk. S. 2908 was held at the desk. S. 4365 was held at the desk. S. 4370 was held at the desk. S. 5046 was held at the desk. **Page H7149**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page S7149.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7219–20, H7220, H7220–21 and H7221–22.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MIDNIGHT RULES RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 115, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–2, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 115, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Biggs and Nadler.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1138)

H.R. 1432, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces. Signed on December 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–146)

H.R. 3821, to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018. Signed on December 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–147)

H.R. 5863, to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters. Signed on December 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–148)

S. 91, to award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust. Signed on December 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–149)

S. 4243, to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm. Signed on December 12, 2024. (Public Law 118–150)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine legalized sports gambling, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine a bipartisan path forward for antitrust enforcement and reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 214, the “Veterans’ True Choice Act of 2023”; H.R. 3176, the “Veterans Health Care Freedom Act”; H.R. 5287, the “Veterans Access to Direct Primary Care Act”; H.R. 8481, the “Emergency Community Care Notification Time Adjustment Act of 2024”; H.R. 10012, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include eyeglass lens fittings in the category of medical services authorized to be furnished to veterans under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 9924, the “What Works for Preventing Veteran Suicide Act”; H.R. 8347, the “Improving Menopause Care for Veterans Act”; H.R. 6333, the “Veterans Emergency Care Reimbursement Act”; legislation on the Supporting Medical Students and VA Workforce Act; and H.R. 10267, the “Complete the Mission Act of 2024”, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 17 through
December 20, 2024

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 5009, Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, post-cloture.

Roll call votes are expected during Tuesday’s session.

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 18, 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: December 18, to hold hearings to examine the climate-driven insurance crisis, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance: December 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Bernard Coughlan, of Illinois, Halie L. Craig, of Pennsylvania, and William Patrick J. Kimmitt, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 17, to hold hearings to examine legalized sports gambling, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 17, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine a bipartisan path forward for antitrust enforcement and reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 18, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the RESTORE Patent Rights Act, focusing on restoring America’s status as the global IP leader, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 17, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 18, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Homeland Security, December 18, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Examining the Polar Security Cutter: An Update on Coast Guard Acquisitions”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, December 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: Prohibiting Foreign Interference”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 18, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part IV—Patents, Standards, and Lawfare”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “Revisiting the Implications of the FACE Act: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, December 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Restoring Congressional Power over VA After Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Joint Meeting

Joint Economic Committee: December 18, to hold hearings to examine trade wars and tariffs, 2:30 p.m., 210-CHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 5009, Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, post-cloture.

Roll call votes are expected during Tuesday's session.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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

Extension of Remarks, as inserted in this issue.

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