

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S623–S626

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3893–3894 **Page S626**

Measures Reported:

S. 233, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to modify the authority of the Office of National Drug Control Policy with respect to the World Anti-Doping Agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 119–111)

S. 337, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration relating to the shipping of household goods. (S. Rept. No. 119–112) **Pages S625–26**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. **Page S625**

DeLeeuw Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board. **Page S623**

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 motion to proceed to consideration of H.R.

7147, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. **Page S623**

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 S623**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Senator Kaine be recognized to deliver Washington’s Farewell Address, as provided under the previous order of Wednesday, February 11, 2026; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture filed on February 12, 2026, ripen at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. **Page S626**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Page S626**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page S626**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:39 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S 626.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 7640–7653; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1070–1074 were introduced. **Pages H2257–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2258–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4294, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a pilot program with respect to the sale of blue catfish caught within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–510);

H.R. 6365, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way for an emergency exit on certain National Park Service land in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–511);

H.R. 3340, to provide for the standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–512);

H.R. 2130, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–513); and

H.R. 3073, to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–514).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jonathan Slavinskis, St. Bernard's Church of Our Lady of Providence Parish, Worcester, MA.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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

Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response Operations Act: H.R. 390, amended, to utilize the Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response to Operations project of NASA to improve aerial responses to wildfires;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To utilize the Advanced Capabilities for Emergency Response to Operations project of NASA to improve aerial responses to wildfires, and for other purposes";

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Accessing Satellite Capabilities to Enable New Discoveries Act: H.R. 2600, amended, to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration;

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Small Business Artificial Intelligence Advancement Act: H.R. 3679, amended, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop resources for small businesses in utilizing artificial intelligence; and

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Skills-Based Federal Contracting Act: H.R. 5235, amended, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum educational requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations.

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

Information Quality Assurance Act: H.R. 6329, 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; and

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Rotorcraft Operations Transparency and Oversight Reform Act: S. 2503, to require all aircraft to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast In, to improve aviation safety.

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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 5:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMEOWNER ENERGY FREEDOM ACT; HOME APPLIANCE PROTECTION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4758, the “Homeowner Energy Freedom Act”; and H.R. 4626, the “Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 6–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4626, the “Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act”, and H.R. 4758, the “Homeowner Energy Freedom Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4626, the “Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–20 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 4758, the “Homeowner Energy Freedom 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weber of Texas and Castor of Florida.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D186)

H.J. Res. 142, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025. Signed on February 18, 2026. (Public Law 119–78)

S. 3705, to provide for the creation of a congressional time capsule in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States. Signed on February 18, 2026. (Public Law 119–79)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine rebuilding American critical minerals supply chains, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs, oversight hearing on the National Endowment for Democracy, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Modernization of the Organic Industrial Base”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Balancing Careers and Care: Examining Innovative Approaches to Paid Leave”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Building an AI-ready America: Teaching in the AI Age”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “From Source to Tap: A Hearing to Examine Challenges and Opportunities for Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Drinking Water”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Advancing National Security through Commercial Diplomacy”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

South and Central Asia Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Export Control Enforcement”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Before the Whistle: Assessing Information Sharing and Security Collaboration Ahead of Major Events”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Delays and the Costs to Ratepayers and Electric Power Systems”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1501, the “Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025”; H.R. 2969, the “Finding ORE Act”; H.R. 4781, the “RESCUE Act of 2025”; H.R. 5929, the “Critical Minerals Supply Chain Resiliency Act”; H.R.

7126, the “SECURE Minerals Act of 2026”; and H.R. 7458, the “Domestic ORE Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “An Update on DoD’s Struggling Background Check System”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Powering America’s AI Future: Assessing Policy Options to Increase Data Center Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Career and Technical Education: Developing the Future of Main Street Success”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2026—Administration Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup on H.R. 5634, the “Veterans Flight Training Responsibility Act of 2025”; H.R. 7049, the “Improving Mental Health Care and Coordination for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 7083, the “CRUISE Act”; H.R. 7103, the “Improving Emerging Tech Opportunities for Veterans Act”; H.R. 7141, the “Affordable Housing Guarantee Act”; H.R. 1803, the “Fair Access to Co-ops for Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 1957, the “End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2025”; H.R. 1965, the “Veteran Education Assistance Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3159, the “Improving SCRA Benefit Utilization Act”; H.R. 982, the “Warriors to Workforce Act”; H.R. 5436, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit an educational institution from withholding a transcript from an individual who pursued a course or program of education at such institution using Post-9/11 educational assistance; and H.R. 7150, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a quarterly report on housing loans insured, guaranteed, or under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes, 2:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Advancing the Next Generation of America’s Health Care Workforce”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meeting

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through February 27, 2026

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senator Kaine will be recognized to deliver Washington’s Farewell Address. At approximately 5:00 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7147, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

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 Armed Services: February 24, to hold hearings to examine rebuilding American critical minerals supply chains, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Ditlevson, of Minnesota, and Brian Birdwell, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 26, to hold hearings to examine an update from the Prudential regulators, focusing on rightsizing regulation to promote American opportunity, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stevan Pearce, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Kyle Haustveit, of North Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Energy, and David LaCerte, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 25, to hold hearings to examine Water Resources Development Act of 2026, focusing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects, programs, and priorities, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 26, to receive a closed briefing on tech competition, critical minerals, and supply chain security, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 25, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Casey Means, of California, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years, 10 a.m., SD–430.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1602, to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections, S. 1558, to require a standard financial aid offer form, S. 3747, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to recognize students who have completed secondary school education in a home school setting as high school graduates, S. 1782, to prohibit discrimination

on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants, S. 1552, to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors, S. 3315, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to coordinate to improve cybersecurity in the health care and public health sectors, and other pending business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 25, to hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-G50.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 6719, to prohibit threats to a minor, S. 3398, to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize intentional threats to distribute child sexual abuse material, and to provide appropriate penalties for the use of child sexual abuse material to extort or coerce victims, S. 3397, to make coercion of children to commit harm a criminal offense, S. 3394, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the sentencing guideline relating to child sexual abuse material, S. 3798, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish criminal offenses with respect to violations involving ATMs, regardless of whether the ATM is located on the physical premises of a financial institution, and the nomination of Gregory

Gilmore, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, 10:15 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 25, to hold hearings to examine from fraud to recovery, focusing on restoring integrity in small business programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 24, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 25, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 26, to hold hearings to examine FDA bureaucracy, focusing on regulator to roadblock, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meeting

Joint Hearing: February 24, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans and multi VSOs, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senator Kaine will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. At approximately 5 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7147, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

(Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House for a joint session at 9 p.m. to receive an address from the President of the United States.)

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