

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S197–S235

Measures Introduced: Forty-one bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 106–146, and S. Res. 28. **Pages S225–27**

Measures Considered:

Laken Riley Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 5, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S197, S198–S218**

Pending:

Thune (for Ernst/Grassley) Amendment No. 8, to include crimes resulting in death or serious bodily injury to the list of offenses that, if committed by an inadmissible alien, require mandatory detention. **Page S197**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline with respect to second-degree amendments to the bill be at 9:45 a.m., on Friday, January 17, 2025. **Page S235**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 17, 2025; and that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. **Page S235**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that takes additional steps to deal with the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM–8) **Page S224**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S234**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S235.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Eric Scott Turner, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Doug Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hoeven and Cramer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Lee M. Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Barrasso, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the expected nomination of Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the

Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Graham, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

REMAIN IN MEXICO

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Remain in Mexico, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Cuccinelli, former Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Spotsylvania, Virginia; Andrew R. Arthur, Center for Immigration Studies, Gastonia, North Carolina; and Adam Isacson, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and ordered favorably reported an original resolution ex-

pressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States possesses the authority under current law to take immediate and necessary action to secure the southwest border of the United States.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the expected nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Nicholas B. Cox, Florida Office of Statewide Prosecution, Office of Attorney General, Tallahassee; Dave Aronberg, Dave Aronberg Law, P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida; Emery Gainey, former Alachua County Sheriff, Gainesville, Florida; and Lisa Gilbert, Public Citizen, and Mary B. McCord, Georgetown University Law Center Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 87 public bills, H.R. 470–556; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21–24; and H. Res. 48–52, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 20th.

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Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act: The House passed H.R. 30, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 145 nays, Roll No. 17.

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Rejected the Moore (WI) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 16.

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H. Res. 5, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 30), was agreed to on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of an Executive Order to address the continuing national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-en-

abled activities and protect against the growing and evolving threat against such activities against the United States and the United States allies and partners referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–13).

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Crawford, Chair; Representatives Kelly (MS), LaHood, Fitzpatrick, Austin Scott (GA), Hill (AR), Crenshaw, Jackson (TX), Perry, Wagner, Cline, Steube, Tenney, and Fallon.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page S216.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H200–01 and H201.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 119th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules of the 119th Congress, without amendment. The Committee adopted its Authorization and Oversight Plan, Staff Roster, Subcommittee Assignments and Ratios, Committee Vice Chairs and Subcommittee Chairs and Members for the 119th Congress.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Kristi Noem, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 9 a.m., SD-342.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, January 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Monday, January 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 5, Laken Riley Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 10 a.m.

The filing deadline for second-degree amendments is at 9:45 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States.

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