

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

First Session of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Congress convened as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, to elect Charles E. Grassley, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S30

Measures Introduced: Eighteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 1–15, and S. Con. Res. 1–3. **Page S25**

Measures Passed:

Notification of the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, establishing a Committee to Inform the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. **Pages S5–6**

Notification of the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled. **Page S6**

Administration of the Oath of Office of President Pro Tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, to elect Charles E. Grassley, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States. **Page S6**

Notification of the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 4, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore. **Page S6**

Notification of the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 5, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore. **Page S6**

Expressing the Thanks of the Senate to Senator Murray: Senate agreed to S. Res. 6, expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Patty Murray for her service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Mur-

ray as President Pro Tempore Emerita of the United States Senate. **Pages S6–7**

Fixing the Hour of Daily Meeting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 7, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate. **Page S7**

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Page S7**

Providing for the Counting of the Electoral Votes: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2025, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. **Page S7**

Electing the Secretary of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, electing Jackie Barber as Secretary of the Senate. **Page S7**

Notification of the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 9, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Secretary of the Senate. **Pages S7–8**

Notification of the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 10, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate. **Page S8**

Electing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 11, electing Jennifer A. Hemingway as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. **Page S8**

Notification of the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 12, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. **Page S8**

Notification of the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 13, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. **Page S8**

Electing the Secretary for the Majority of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, electing Robert M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate. **Page S8**

Electing the Secretary for the Minority of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 15, electing Gary E. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate. **Page S8**

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 3, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late James Earl Carter, Jr., 39th President of the United States. **Page S12**

Administration Of Oath Of Office: The Senators-elect were administered the oath of office by the Vice President. **Pages S4–5**

Authority For Select Committee On Ethics: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 119th Congress, the Committee on Ethics be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate. **Page S9**

Time For Roll Call Votes: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 119th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any roll call vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when roll call votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes. **Page S9**

Authority To Receive Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the 119th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate. **Page S9**

Recognition Of Leadership: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority and Minority Leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal. **Page S9**

Printing Of Conference Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as

a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed. **Page S9**

Authority For Appropriations Committee: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 119th Congress to file reports during the adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed. **Page S9**

Authority For Corrections In Engrossment: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 119th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions. **Page S9**

Authority To Receive Messages And Sign Enrolled Measures: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 119th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions. **Page S9**

Privileges Of The Floor: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 119th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows. **Page S9**

Referral Of Treaties And Nominations: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 119th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day. **Page S9**

Authority To Introduce Measures: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 119th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk, bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees. **Page S9**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States in the Second Session of the 118th Congress during the adjournment of the Senate on December 23, 2024:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S. 4199, the “Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2024”; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM-65) **Pages S12, S23**

Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate Rule XXXI at the time of the sine die adjournment of the 118th Congress:

Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024.

Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2028.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Calvin Smyre, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023.

Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2029.

Jeffrey R. Gural, of New York, to be Chairperson of the Public Buildings Reform Board for a term of six years.

Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2030.

Kathryn Rose Lang, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2026.

Janet Keller, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Janet Keller, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2026.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2026.

Estrellita Bograd Brodsky, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026.

Barbara George Johnson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2026.

James J. Blanchard, of Michigan, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Charlie Crist, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, with the rank of Ambassador.

Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2029.

Elliott Abrams, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Elliott Abrams, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

Leslie N. Bluhm, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2028.

Paul Herdman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2026.

Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2028.

French Hill, of Arkansas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Janet Keller, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Barbara Lee, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Jeffrey Worthe, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring October 3, 2024.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring October 3, 2030.

Daryle Williams, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024, Shelly Colleen Lowe, term expired.

Andrew William Plitt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador-At-Large for Global Health Security and Diplomacy.

John W. McIntyre, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Sherri Malloy Beatty-Arthur, 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.

Erin Camille Johnston, 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.

Ray D. McKenzie, 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.

Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Deven J. Parekh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years.

Kristen Sarri, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Jon M. Holladay, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Ron Borzekowski, of Maryland, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Irving W. Bailey II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years.

Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; and United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Vanessa Soledad Simon, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Vanessa Soledad Simon, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2030.

Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.
Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Adeel Abdullah Mangi, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

James R. Ives, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Stuart Alan Levey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Leonardo Martinez-Diaz, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

B. Bix Aliu, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Montenegro.

Robert William Forden, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Stephen H. Ravas, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, 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.

Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2024.

Joseph R. Adams, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

John Gleeson, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2029.

Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2029.

Johnny C. Gogo, of California, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Joshua S. Levy, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Rebecca C. Lutzko, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Roy W. Minter, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Michael Purnell, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Dale L. Bell, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

David L. Lemmon II, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Patrice J. Robinson, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2028.

Liliana Ayalde, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2026.

Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2026.

Julio Guity-Guevara, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2028.

Maria Fabiana Jorge, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2028.

Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2024.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2025.

Monde Muyangwa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2027.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Rebecca Suzanne Kanter, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Sarah Elizabeth Baker, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

Emily Edenshaw, of Alaska, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2028.

Margaret Mary FitzPatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2030.

Deborah Willis, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2028.

John E. Richardson, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Matthew L. Gannon, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

David C. Waterman, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Dana Lynn Banks, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Mary E. Daschbach, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Troy Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Joshua M. Harris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Elizabeth K. Horst, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Kelly Adams-Smith, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Peter W. Lord, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Jeremey Neitzke, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Felix R. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Daryle Williams, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2030.

Rahkel Bouchet, 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.

John Cuong Truong, 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.

Detra Shaw-Wilder, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Bobby Jack Woods, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Amanda S. Jacobsen, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Christophe Andre Tocco, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Shirley Sachi Sagawa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2029.

Curtis Raymond Ried, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Carmen G. Iguina Gonzalez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Joseph Russell Palmore, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

John Bradford Wiegmann, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Miranda L. Holloway-Baggett, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Danna R. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Sarah Netburn, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Marcus D. Graham, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2028.

Tonya Parran Wilkerson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

Matthew Kaplan, of Maryland, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Great Lakes Authority.

Abigail L. Dressel, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

James Holtsnider, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa.

Shannon A. Estenoz, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Christopher J. Lamora, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

David Slayton Meale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

William Isaac White, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2028.

Rebecca L. Heinrichs, of Ohio, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Rebecca L. Heinrichs, of Ohio, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

Stephanie E. Segal, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2029.

Joshua L. Ditelberg, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2027.

Bethany Pickett Shah, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2025.

Karla M. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Julia M. Lipez, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Michael G. Heath, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Kin Moy, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

James Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Julie Smith, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

Mark G. Eskenazi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2027.

Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2029.

Gordon I. Ito, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council for a term of six years.

Kristin N. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 21, 2028.

Stanley H. Ryan, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Mark Angelson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.

Elizabeth M. Aubin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.

Stephanie L. Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Brian K. Stimmler, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Penitentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

LeKresha R. Moultrie, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2024.

LaKresha R. Moultrie, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2027.

J. Tyler McGaughey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term of six years.

Julie Brinn Siegel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2029.

L.E. Sola, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2028.

William Patrick J. Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2029.

Keith D. Hanigan, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Solomon Islands.

Douglas D. Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Melanie Anne Zimmerman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Kali C. Jones, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Stephanie A. Miley, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Marco M. Rajkovich, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2030.

Deborah Lynn Halvorson Bush, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2027.

Lisa T. Ballance, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2027.

David Samuel Johnson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

Gabriel Escobar, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

Val Butler Demings, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2030.

William Zollars, of Kansas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2029.

Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Lisa M. Re, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

Angela M. Kerwin, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

James Graham Lake, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for a term of fifteen years.

Nicholas George Miranda, 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.

Kristi Zuleika Lane Scott, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency.

Ben Cardin, of Maryland, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Tanya Leigh Flores, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Dan Sullivan, of Alaska, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Michael Trager, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Adam Gamoran, of New York, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2031.

Carol Kellermann, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2030.

Adam Jeffrey White, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2030.

Devin S. Anderson, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2025.

Beth H. Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2029.

Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2029.

James Bernard Coughlan, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2030.

Halie L. Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 2026.

Loida Nicolas Lewis, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

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

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

14 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

12 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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Messages from the House (during the adjournment of the 118th Congress):

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Enrolled Bills Presented (during the adjournment of the 118th Congress):

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Additional Statements:

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:02 p.m. and adjourned at 1:25 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, January 6, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S27.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 189 public bills, H.R. 21–209; and 25 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1–11; H. Con. Res. 1–2; and H. Res. 1–12 were introduced. **Pages H27–36**

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Certificate of Election: The Clerk announced that Certificates of Election covering 435 seats in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress had been received and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States would be called. Without objection, the Representatives-elect were directed to record their presence by electronic device in order to determine whether a quorum was present. **Page H1**

Call of the States: On the Call of the States, 433 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1. **Pages H1–2**

Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates: The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections of the following: Pablo Jose Hernandez Rivera, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia; Honorable James C. Moylan, Delegate from Guam; Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett, Delegate from the Virgin Islands; Honorable Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page H2**

Announcement: The Clerk notified the House that he received a letter from the Honorable Matt Gaetz of Florida indicating that he will not serve in the House in the 119th Congress. Without objection, the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the Record. **Page H2**

Election of Speaker: The Honorable Mike Johnson of Louisiana was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 218 votes. The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 216 votes, and the Honorable Tom Emmer received 1 vote. Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Foxx, Morelle, Steil, and Torres (CA) to act as Tellers. **Pages H2–4**

Escort Committee: The Clerk appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: Representatives-elect Scalise, Jeffries, Emmer,

Clark (MA), McClain, Aguilar, Hudson, Lieu, Hern, Neguse, Moore, DelBene, Houchin, Morelle, Reschenthaler, Dingell; and the members of the Louisiana delegation: Representatives-elect Higgins, Letlow, Carter, Fields. **Page H4**

Administration of the Oath of Office to the Speaker: The Dean of the House, the Honorable Harold Rogers, administered the oath of office to the Speaker. The Speaker then administered the oath to the Honorable Harold Rogers, the Dean of the House. **Page H7**

Administration of the Oath of Office to Members of the 119th Congress: The Speaker administered the oath to the Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates. **Page H7**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the tragedy in New Orleans. **Page H5**

Election of Majority and Minority Leaders: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative McClain, announced the election of Representative Scalise as the Majority Leader. The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Aguilar, announced the election of Representative Jeffries as the Minority Leader. **Page H7**

Election of Majority and Minority Whips: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative McClain, announced the election of Representative Emmer as the Majority Whip. The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Aguilar, announced the election of Representative Clark (MA) as the Minority Whip. **Page H7**

Electing Officers of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 1, electing the following officers for the House of Representatives: Kevin McCumber, Clerk; William McFarland, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer. **Pages H7–8**

Rejected the Aguilar amendment to H. Res. 1 by voice vote. **Page H8**

Chaplain of the House of Representatives—Appointment: Pursuant to the provisions of section 208(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the Chair appointed Reverend Doctor Margaret Grun Kibben of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to act as and to exercise the duties of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, effective today. **Page H8**

Notify the Senate that a Quorum Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 2, to inform the

Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk.

Page H8

Notify the President of the Assembly of the 119th Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 3, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Scalise and Jeffries to the committee. Later, Representative Scalise announced that the Committee had notified the President that a quorum of each House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. Page H8

Notify the President of the Election of the Speaker and the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 4, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk.

Page H8

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question relating to H. Res. 5 that follows a 15 minute vote.

Page H20

Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 5, adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 5.

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Rejected the DeLauro motion to commit to a select committee composed of the Majority Leader and Minority Leader with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 4, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 3.

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Daily Hour of Meeting: The House agreed to H. Res. 6, fixing the daily hour of meeting of the First Session of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

Page H23

Assembly outside of the District of Columbia: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 1, regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government.

Page H23

Appointment Authority: Agreed that during the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

Page H23

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that during the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extra-

neous material within the permitted limit in that section of the Congressional Record entitled “Extension of Remarks”.

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Morning-Hour Debate: Agreed to the procedures regarding the format for morning-hour debate for the first session of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: The Chair announced that the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter dated January 3, 2025, listing Members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1.

Page H24

Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Scalise to exercise authority regarding any assembly, reassembly, or reconvening.

Page H24

Speaker Pro Tempore Designations: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith, Representative Whitman, Representative Harris, Representative Hudson, Representative Joyce (PA), Representative Reschenthaler, and Representative Kiggans (VA) to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

Page H24

Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Ms. Lisa P. Grant, Deputy Clerk, Ms. Sarah Meier, Legal Counsel, and Ms. Cheryl H. Muller, Chief Human Resources Officer, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of his temporary absence or disability.

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Policies of the Chair: The Chair announced his policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process dealing with (1) privileges of the floor; (2) introduction of bills and resolutions; (3) unanimous-consent requests for the consideration of legislation; (4) recognition for one-minute speeches; (5) recognition for special-order speeches; (6) decorum in debate; (7) conduct of votes by electronic device; (8) use of handouts on the House floor; (9) use of electronic equipment on the House floor; and (10) use of the Chamber. These announcements, where appropriate, will reiterate the origins of the stated policies. The Chair intends to continue in the 119th Congress the policies reflected in these statements. The policy announced in the 102nd Congress with respect to jurisdictional concepts related to clause 5(a) of rule 21, tax and tariff measures, will continue to govern but need not be reiterated, as it is adequately documented in the House Rules and Manual. Agreed without objection that the announcements will be placed in the Congressional Record.

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Whole Number of the House: Under clause 5(d) of rule 20, the Chair announced to the House that the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H26**

Extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. **Pages H26–27**

Providing for the counting on January 6, 2025, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2025, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H27**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late James Earl Carter, Jr., 39th President of the United States: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 3, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late James Earl Carter, Jr., 39th President of the United States. **Page H27**

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 119th Congress, and the order of the House of today, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Representatives Johnson (LA), Scalise, and Jeffries. **Page H27**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025. **Page H27**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H23.

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H21, H22, and H22–23. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on pages H1–2.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, January 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, January 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business, and that at 12:40 p.m., Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair to then proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 2, for the counting of the electoral ballots. Following dissolution of the joint session, Senate will re-convene and be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate to count the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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