

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 264–287, and S. Res. 42.

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Measures Considered:

Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act—Cloture: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 22), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 23, to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies.

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Zeldin Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 77 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 21), Sean Duffy, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Transportation.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Duffey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

Paul Atkins, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2031.

Stephen Miran, of New York, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031.

Adam Boehler, of Tennessee, to be Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Michael Duffy, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2025.

Adam Boehler, of Tennessee, to be Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2025.

Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2025.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S447.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE INNOVATION AND ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine defense innovation and acquisition reform, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Nathan Diller, Divergent Industries, both of Washington, D.C.; and Shyam Sankar, Palantir Technologies Inc., Denver, Colorado.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Panama Canal and its impact on U.S. trade and national security, focusing on fees and foreign influence, after receiving testimony from Louis E. Sola, Chairman, and Daniel B. Maffei, Commissioner, both of the Federal Maritime Commission; Eugene Kontorovich, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; and Joe Kramek, World Shipping Council, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the VA's Community Care Pro-

gram, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant Colonel Jim Lorraine, USAF (Ret.), America's Warrior Partnership, Augusta, Georgia; Naomi Mathis, Disabled American Veterans, and John Eaton, Wounded Warrior Project, both of Washington, D.C.; Eric Golnick, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Paige Marg, San Antonio, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 88 public bills, H.R. 740–827; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 4–7; and H. Res. 70–78, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John Kellogg, Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington D.C.

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Bergman.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representative Courtney.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative McGovern.

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Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Thompson (CA).

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Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative Takano.

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United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Representatives Watson Coleman and Evans (PA).

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House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Titus, Moore (WI), Lieu, Torres (CA), Kelly (IL), Sewell, DeGette, Omar and Ramirez.

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Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to co-chair the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative McGovern.

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Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the

Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Representative Quigley.

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Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representative Davis (NC).

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Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representative Ryan.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representative Elfreth.

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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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider committee rules for the 119th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 3:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine making Washington work for seniors, focusing on fighting to end inflation and achieve fiscal sanity, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, January 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1 p.m.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Lee Zeldin, there will be up to 2 hours of debate. Upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, January 31

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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