

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 288–325, and S. Res. 43–46.

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Measures Passed:

National Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 45, supporting the contributions of Catholic schools in the United States and celebrating the 51st annual National Catholic Schools Week.

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National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 46, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2025 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”.

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Burgum Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior.

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

By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 12 noon, on Thursday, January 30, 2025, and that all time during morning business, recess, adjournment, and Leader remarks count post-cloture.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 24), Lee Zeldin, of New York, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 23), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—25)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:02 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, January 30, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S499.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Hoeven (Chair), McConnell, Collins, Moran, Hyde-Smith, Fischer, Mullin, Rounds, Shaheen, Merkley, Baldwin, Heinrich, Peters, Gillibrand, and Ossoff.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Moran (Chair), Murkowski, Collins,

Graham, Capito, Kennedy, Hagerty, Britt, Fischer, Van Hollen, Reed, Shaheen, Coons, Schatz, Merkley, Peters, and Gillibrand.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators McConnell (Chair), Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Moran, Hoeven, Boozman, Capito, Kennedy, Coons, Durbin, Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Shaheen, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Kennedy (Chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, Britt, Rounds, Murray, Durbin, Merkley, Coons, Baldwin, Heinrich, Peters, and Ossoff.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Hagerty (Chair), Boozman, Collins, Mullin, Fischer, Reed, Durbin, Coons, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Britt (Chair), Murkowski, Capito, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, Murphy, Murray, Shaheen, Peters, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Murkowski (Chair), McConnell, Capito, Hoeven, Fischer, Mullin, Rounds, Merkley, Van Hollen, Heinrich, Baldwin, Gillibrand, and Ossoff.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Capito (Chair), Graham, Moran, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Boozman, Britt, Mullin, Rounds, Baldwin, Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Mullin (Chair), Fischer, Rounds, Heinrich, and Ossoff.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Boozman (Chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Hagerty, Fischer, Rounds, Hyde-Smith, Ossoff, Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Heinrich, Peters, and Gillibrand.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Graham (Chair), McConnell, Boozman, Moran, Hagerty, Britt, Mullin, Schatz, Durbin, Shaheen, Coons, Merkley, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Hyde-Smith (Chair), Collins, Boozman, Capito, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, Moran, Britt, Gillibrand, Murray, Durbin, Reed, Coons, Schatz, Murphy, and Van Hollen.

Senators Collins and Murray are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Howard Lutnick, of New York, to be Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Vice President Vance, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress:

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Senators Cramer (Chair), Lummis, Curtis, Graham, Sullivan, Ricketts, Wicker, Boozman, Alsobrooks, Merkley, Markey, Kelly, Padilla, Schiff, and Blunt Rochester.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Innovation and Safety: Senators Lummis (Chair), Cramer, Curtis, Graham, Ricketts, Wicker, Boozman, Husted, Kelly, Sanders, Merkley, Markey, Padilla, Schiff, and Blunt Rochester.

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight: Senators Curtis (Chair), Graham, Sullivan, Wicker, Husted, Merkley, Sanders, Markey, and Blunt Rochester.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water: Senators Ricketts (Chair), Cramer, Lummis, Sullivan, Boozman, Husted, Schiff, Sanders, Kelly, Padilla, and Alsobrooks.

Senators Capito and Whitehouse are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Scott (SC) and Britt, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

MAKING WASHINGTON WORK FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine making Washington work for seniors, focusing on fighting to end inflation and achieve fiscal sanity, after receiving testimony from

Jeff Ferry, Coalition for a Prosperous America, Alexandria, Virginia; Alex Lawson, Social Security Works, and E.J. Antoni, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tarren Bragdon, Foundation for Government Accountability, Naples, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 12 noon, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Elise Stefanik, of New York, to

be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and 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 Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 10:25 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the influence of the People's Republic of China at home and abroad, focusing on recommendations for policy makers, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: 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-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH-219, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, January 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior, post-cloture. Senators should expect votes on confirmation of the nomination of Douglas Burgum, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs during Thursday's session.

House Chamber

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



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