

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S501–S527*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 326–352, S.J. Res. 8–9, and S. Res. 47–50. **Pages S523–24**

#### Measures Passed:

***Congratulating The Ohio State University Football Team:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 48, congratulating The Ohio State University football team for winning the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship. **Pages S526–27**

***National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 49, designating the week beginning February 3, 2025, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S527**

***National School Counseling Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 50, designating the week of February 3 through 7, 2025, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S527**

**Wright and Collins Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, the votes on confirmation of the nominations of Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, and Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs occur at times to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, no earlier than Monday, February 3, 2025. **Page S527**

**Wright Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy. **Page S518**

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

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 27), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S518**

**Collins Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Douglas Collins, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S518**

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

By 83 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 28), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S518**

**Bondi Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General. **Pages S518–19**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 30, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025. **Page S527**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S518**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Pages S518–19**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 3, 2025, Senate be in a period of morning business for debate only with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each until 5:30 p.m.; that at 5:30 p.m., the Majority Leader be recognized; and that at 6:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pamela Bondi. **Page S527**

**Turner Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric Turner, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S519**

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 nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General. **Page S519**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S519**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S519**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 26), Douglas Burgum, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S501–18, S527**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S520–23**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S526**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—28) **Pages S517–18**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S527.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Daniel Driscoll, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Blumenthal and Mullin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Russell Vought, of Vir-

ginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

### CHINA'S INFLUENCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the influence of the People's Republic of China at home and abroad, focusing on recommendations for policy makers, after receiving testimony from Peter Mattis, The Jamestown Foundation, and Melanie Hart, Atlantic Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey Stoff, Center for Research Security and Integrity, Herndon, Virginia; and Jennifer Lind, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* 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.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kashyap Patel, of Nevada, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Tillis, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the nomination of Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Ernst and former Senator Richard Burr, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

# 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.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D30)*

S. 5, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft. Signed on January 29, 2025. (Public Law 119–1)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, February 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, January 31

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will recognize the Majority Leader. At 5:30 p.m., Senators should expect a procedural vote in relation to the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, a vote on confirmation of the nomination of Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

## House Chamber

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



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