

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1619–S1640*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 909–924, S.J. Res. 32–35, S. Res. 120–122, and S. Con. Res. 9.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Confirm Pending:

Thune (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1237, of a perfecting nature.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–15)

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**Miran Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen Miran, of New York, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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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 Abigail Slater, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1623**

**Sonderling Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Keith Sonderling, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

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**Bradbury and Slater Nominations—Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation; that at 11:45 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Abigail Slater, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Abigail Slater, that all time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:15 p.m.

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

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 111), Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be Secretary of Labor.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Kenneth Jackson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2028.

John Arrigo, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Laken Rapier, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2027.

Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2027.

John Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration).

Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2030.

Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media.

Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Michael Cadenazzi, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Leah Campos, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Hung Cao, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Patrick David Davis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Janet Dhillon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years.

Joseph Edlow, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Catherine Jereza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity).

Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029.

Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Ethan Klein, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Matthew Kozma, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Edward Martin, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection).

Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

David Metcalf, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Joseph Nocella, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

Sean O'Keefe, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Michael Obadal, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

James Percival, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jason Reding Quinones, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Leandro Rizzuto, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

George Wesley Street, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

Eric Matthew Ueland, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Andrew Veprek, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Timothy John Walsh, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Daniel Zimmerman, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—111)

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Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1639.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 1968–2021; 1 private bill, H.R. 2022; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75–76; H. Con. Res. 18; and H. Res. 202–210, 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 Miller-Meeks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Subterranean Border Defense Act:* H.R. 495, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 63; Pages H1045–46, H1058

*TSA Commuting Fairness Act:* H.R. 862, to reduce commuting burdens on Transportation Security Administration employees; Pages H1048–49

*Strategic Homeland Intelligence and Enforcement Legislation to Defend Against the CCP Act:* H.R. 708, to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a working group relating to countering terrorist, cybersecurity, border and port security, and transportation security threats posed to the United States by the Chinese Communist Party;

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**Research Security and Accountability in DHS Act:** H.R. 901, to require the Under Secretary of the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide policy and process to safeguard research and development from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information in research and development acquisitions, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 64;

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**Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act:** H.R. 993, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 65;

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**Prohibiting the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries:** H.R. 1166, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries; and

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**Amending the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program:** H.R. 1374, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**DHS Biodefense Improvement Act:** H.R. 706, to improve the biodefense functions of the Department of Homeland Security; and

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**Amending the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority:** H.R. 1692, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority.

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**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 17, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative Luna presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H.

Res. 164) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 23) permitting parental remote voting by proxy (Discharge Petition No. 1).

**Presidential Message:** Received a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–25).

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 524 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 3 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 28 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 1057.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1058, H1058–59 and H1059.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO “GROSS PROCEEDS REPORTING BY BROKERS THAT REGULARLY PROVIDE SERVICES EFFECTUATING DIGITAL ASSET SALES”; FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025**

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1156, the “Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act”; H.J. Res. 25, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to “Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales”; and H.R. 1968, the “Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 25, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to “Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales”, H.R. 1156, the “Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act”, and H.R. 1968, the “Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and

Extensions Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 25, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to “Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1156, the “Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1968, the “Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act with respect to a joint resolution terminating a national emergency declared by the President on February 1, 2025. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cole, and Representatives DeLauro, Carey, Davis of Illinois, and Moylan.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine risk management, credit, and rural business views on the agricultural economy, focusing on views from the field, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine stabilizing the Military Health System to prepare for large-scale combat operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine the STOP CSAM Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 124, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for disciplinary procedures for supervisors and managers at the Department of Veterans Affairs and to modify the procedures of personnel actions against employees of the Department, S. 201, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, S. 275, to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 410, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, S. 478, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system, S. 607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an integrated project team to improve the process for scheduling appointments for health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 610, to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 611, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 654, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an external provider scheduling program to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 702, to require a study on the quality of care difference between mental health and addiction therapy care provided by health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs compared to non-Department providers, S. 787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a commission to review operations at the Veterans Health Administration and submit to Congress reports with respect to that review, and for other programs, S. 831, to amend title 38, United States

Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve telephone communication by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 892, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary, an original bill entitled, “Veterans’ Claims Act of 2025”, and Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act”, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Innovative Techniques in Military Construction”, 10:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “The State of U.S. Shipbuilding”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Education Without Limits: Exploring the Benefits of School Choice”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Maximizing Opportunities for Redeveloping Brownfields Sites: Assessing the Potential for New American Innovation”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Navigating the Digital Payments Ecosystem: Examining a Federal Framework for Payment Stablecoins and Consequences of a U.S. Central Bank Digital Currency”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the U.S. Development Finance Corporation”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Europe Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Arms Control, International Security, and U.S. Assistance to Europe: Review and Reforms for the State Department”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Regulatory Harm or Harmonization? Examining the Opportunity to Improve the Cyber Regulatory Regime”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Eliminating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the Department of Homeland Security: Addressing the Biden-Harris Administration’s Failures”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 198, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; Committee Resolution 119–10, resolution to approve allocation from the Paid House Committee Internship Program to Committees for 2025; Committee Resolution 119–11, resolution to approve Franked Mail Allowances for Committees in the 119th Congress; Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida, 1; Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office

of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida, 2; Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas; Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-eighth Congressional District of Texas; and Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the at-large Congressional District of Alaska, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled “Antitrust Law and the NCAA: Examining the Current Climate”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1820, the “FLASH Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Shifting Gears: Moving from Recovery to Prevention of Improper Payments and Fraud”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, hearing entitled “Enhancing Federal, State, and Local Coordination in the Fight Against Criminal Illegal Aliens”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing: House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations, hearing entitled “Restoring the SBA: Putting Main Street America First”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 913, the “Streamlining Aviation for Eligible Veterans Act of 2025”; H.R. 980, the “Modernizing the Veterans On-Campus Experience Act of 2025”; H.R.1364, the “Automotive Support Services to Improve Safe Transportation Act of 2025”; H.R. 1458, the “Veterans Education and Technical Skills Opportunity Act of 2025”, H.R. 1960, the “Simplifying Veterans Assistance Act of 2025”; H.R. 1527, the “Reforming Education for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1793, the “Veterans Readiness and Employment Transparency Act of 2025”; H.R. 1872, the “Fairness in Veterans’ Education Act”; H.R. 1815, the “VA Home Loan Program Reform Act”; H.R. 1814, the “Restoring the VA Home Loan Program in Perpetuity Act of 2025”; H.R. 1957, the “End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2025”; H.R. 1423, the “Guard and Reserve Parity Act of 2025”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the conditions under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is required to redevelop the individualized vocational rehabilitation plan for a veteran, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1803, the “Fair Access to Co-ops for Veterans Act of 2025”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on legislation on the Standardizing Treatment and Referral Times Act; legislation on the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act; legislation on the Providing Veterans Essential Medications Act; legislation on the Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 217, the “CHIP IN for Veterans Act”; H.R. 1107, the “Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025”; H.R. 1336, the “Veterans National Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act”; H.R. 658, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration; legislation on the Copay Fairness for Veterans Act; legislation on the Saving Our Veterans Lives Act; and legislation on the Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act, 2:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “After the Hospital: Ensuring Access to Quality Post-Acute Care”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meeting

*Joint Committee on Printing*: business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure for the 119th Congress, and to designate the Chair and Vice Chair, 2 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

*Joint Committee on the Library*: business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure for the 119th Congress, and to designate the Chair and Vice Chair, 2:15 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

### Week of March 11 through March 14, 2025

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:45 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Steven Bradbury, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Abigail Slater, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: March 11, to hold hearings to examine risk management, credit, and rural business views on the agricultural economy, focusing on views from the field, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services*: March 11, to hold hearings to examine stabilizing the Military Health System to prepare for large-scale combat operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 12, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of the Joint Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: March 12, to hold hearings to examine housing roadblocks, focusing on paving a new way to address affordability, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: March 12, business meeting to consider the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: March 12, business meeting to continue consideration of an authorization to subpoena the production of memoranda, documents, records, or other materials from the Massachusetts Port Authority, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 28, to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices, S. 97, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, S. 244, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices that combine a modem and router, S. 289, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrate to individuals, S. 323, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to develop a National Strategy to Synchronize Federal Broadband Programs, S. 389, to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries, S. 414, to require covered digital advertising platforms to report their public service advertisements, S. 428, to promote space situational awareness and space traffic coordination and to modify the functions and leadership of the Office of Space Commerce, S. 433, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce, S. 582, to provide for the authorized use of Federal vehicle transportation by certain astronauts, S. 613, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain the National Mesonet Program, S. 759, to provide for standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, S. 792, to require the National Telecommunications Information Administration to estimate the value of electromagnetic spectrum assigned or otherwise allocated to Federal entities, S. 841,

to require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications to online dating service members, S. 843, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and the nominations of Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 362, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 544, to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, S. 596, to establish a pilot program to support domestic critical material processing, S. 714, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, S. 789, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, and S. 859, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, and Aaron Szabo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1:45 p.m., S-120, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* March 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mehmet Oz, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 12, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, George Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, and Martin Makary, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Weldon, of Florida, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 12, business meeting to consider S. 854, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 855, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, S. 269, to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system, S. 81, to require

a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 861, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, S. 766, to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 872, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 727, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 874, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 594, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 865, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, S. 856, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, S. 850, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and the northern border strategy, S. 848, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and S. 572, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 11, Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine the STOP CSAM Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Dean Sauer, of Missouri, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Harmeet Dhillon, of California, and Aaron Reitz, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 9:15 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator, and Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, both of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine S. 124, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for disciplinary procedures for supervisors and managers at the Department of Veterans Affairs and to modify the procedures of personnel actions against employees of the Department, S. 201, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, S. 275, to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 410, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, S. 478, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain

information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system, S. 607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an integrated project team to improve the process for scheduling appointments for health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 610, to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 611, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 654, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an external provider scheduling program to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 702, to require a study on the quality of care difference between mental health and addiction therapy care provided by health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs compared to non-Department providers, S. 787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a commission to review operations at the Veterans Health Administration and submit to Congress reports with respect to that review, and for other programs, S. 831, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve telephone communication by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 892, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary, an original bill entitled, "Veterans' Claims Act of 2025", and Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act", 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

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*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 12, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine breaking the cycle of senior loneliness, focusing on strengthening family and community support, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

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*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* March 12, Africa Subcommittee, hearing entitled "Conflict and Persecution in Nigeria: The Case for a CPC Designation", 9 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* March 12, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 127, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Government Efficiency's access to the Treasury payment systems and confidential taxpayer information; and H. Res. 195, of inquiry requesting the President of the United States to furnish certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the operations of the Social Security Administration after January 20, 2025, including information on the Department of Government Efficiency's access to the Social Security Administration and to information in the possession of such Administration, 9:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 11

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Steven Bradbury, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:45 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Steven Bradbury, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Abigail Slater, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:15 p.m.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Steven Bradbury until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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