

# *Daily Digest*

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

## **Senate**

### ***Chamber Action***

The Senate met at 12:00:00 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:00:27 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026.

**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 adjournment of the First Session of the 119th Congress:

Walter Clayton, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Amer Ghalib, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Daniel Newlin, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Gregory Autry, of Florida, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Jared Novelly, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, the Cook Islands, and Niue.

Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; 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.

Irving Dennis, of Ohio, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

David MacNeil, of Florida, to be Ambassador at Large for Industrial and Manufacturing Competitiveness.

Matthew Anderson, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Austin Dahmer, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Casey Means, of California, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

Anthony Lomangino, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2031.

Alexander Velez-Green, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Jeremy Carl, of Montana, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organizations).

Bradley Walker, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Michael Graham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030.

John M. Guard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Ademola Adewale-Sadik, of New York, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Robert Sweeney, of Texas, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the Rank of Ambassador.

Frank Weiland, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Lee Beaman, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2030.

Eric Meyer, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Nicholas Adams, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Todd Lindsey, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Jeffrey Anderson, of Georgia, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, with the rank of Ambassador.

Richard Price, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Darin Smith, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Daniel Edwards, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

William Long, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Steven Haines, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Brian David Miller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Sriprakash Kothari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

George Holding, of North Carolina, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Robert Harvey, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

Bryce McFerran, of California, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029.

John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2026.

Richard Kloster, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

William Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Zachary Keller, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Lindsey Robyn-Michelle Halligan, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Andrew Benson, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Priscilla Lopez, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Jeffrey Kaufmann, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

William Hewes III, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term expiring October 26, 2031.

Arvind Raman, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Mark Ditlevson, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Paul Ferguson, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Rotter, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Daniel Satterlee, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

David St. Pierre, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Daniel Bonham, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Benjamin Landa, of New York, to be Ambassador to Hungary.

Lee Lipton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Jennifer Wicks McNamara, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Brian Birdwell, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Brian Barber, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Gregory Gilmore, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Brian Gootkin, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Thomas Govan, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Kevin Holmes, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Ryan Raybould, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.

James Stuart, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Phillip Williams, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

John Breslow, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Wesley Brooks, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Gregory LoGerfo, of Massachusetts, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Edward Eppler, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Stevan Pearce, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Daniel E. Burrows, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Stuart Levenbach, of Maryland, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for a term of five years.

Carter Crow, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

Robert Cekada, of Florida, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

David Clay Fowlkes, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Nicholas Jon Ganjei, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Aaron Christian Peterson, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Megan Blair Benton, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Christopher Michael De Bono, 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.

Brian Charles Lea, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Justin R. Olson, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

11 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

95 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Space Force.

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## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

### Additional Cosponsors:

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Smith (NJ) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Convening of the Second Session of the 119th Congress:** Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the House met at 12 noon on January 3, 2026 for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress. Pursuant to section 8 of H. Res. 936, the Chair announced that no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day. The Chair further announced that messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day and that bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but

will not be referred to committee or noted in the Record until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day. **Page H1**

**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 12 p.m. and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

No hearings were held.

## ***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

*(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, January 5

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 6

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** House will convene the Second Session of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.



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