

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6938, Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S227–S269

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3647–3688, S. Res. 583–585, and S. Con. Res. 26. **Pages S256–58**

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act: By 82 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 11), Senate passed H.R. 6938, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S227–49**

Withdrawn:

Thune Amendment No. 4208, to change the enactment date. **Page S248**

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

By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 10), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S230**

Thune motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Amendment No. 4210, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the bill. **Page S230**

Thune Amendment No. 4211 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4210)), of a perfecting nature, fell when Thune motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Amendment No. 4210 (listed above), fell. **Page S230**

Thune Amendment No. 4212 (to Amendment No. 4211), of a perfecting nature, fell when Thune Amendment No. 4211 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4210)), fell. **Page S230**

Thune Amendment No. 4209 (to Amendment No. 4208), of a perfecting nature, when Thune Amendment No. 4208 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S248**

Honoring former Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 585, honoring the life, achievements, and legacy of Ben Nighthorse Campbell. **Page S263**

Honoring Reverend Richard Smallwood: Senate agreed to S. Res. 584, honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Richard Smallwood, a world-class composer, pianist, and arranger. **Page S263**

AH–64 Apache Attack Helicopter: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 519, recognizing the achievements and contributions of the AH–64 Apache attack helicopter to the national defense of the United States and its allies and honoring the dedication, service, and sacrifice of the United States Army aviators, maintainers, and support personnel who operate and sustain the Apache, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S263**

Barrasso (for Kelly) Amendment No. 4233, to improve the preamble. **Page S263**

Measures Considered:

Pregnant Student's Fairness Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.3627, to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students. **Page S262**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 15, 2026, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2026. **Page S262**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture filed during today's session of the

Senate ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2026.
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Breaking the Gridlock Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the papers with respect to H.R. 1834, to advance policy priorities that will break the gridlock, be returned to the House of Representatives at their request.
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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Friday, January 16, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 11 a.m.; and that when the Senate recesses on Thursday, January 22, 2026, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2026.
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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 37 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—11)
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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, of Colorado, in accordance with S. Res. 585, at 4:59 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S264.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Francis L. Donovan, USMC, to be general and Commander, United States Southern Command, and Lieutenant General Joshua M. Rudd, USA, to be general and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service/Commander, United States Cyber Command, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON AMERICA'S YOUTH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of technology on America's youth, after receiving testimony from Jean M. Twenge, San Diego State University, San Diego, California; Jared Cooney Horvath, LME Global, Scottsdale, Arizona; Emily B. Cherkin, The Screentime Consultant, Seattle, Washington; and Jenny Radesky, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1157, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a review to evaluate the status of research on lung cancer in women and underserved populations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 921, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2169, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 272, to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and mitigate the potential for conflicts of

interest following government service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Daniel E. Burrows, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Megan Blair Benton, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David Clay Fowlkes, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Nicholas Jon Ganjei, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Brian Charles Lea, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Justin R. Olson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, Aaron Christian Peterson, to be United States Dis-

trict Judge for the District of Alaska, Andrew Benson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years, William Boyle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years, Kevin Holmes, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years, Brian David Miller, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years, Richard Price, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years, and Darin Smith, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 7082–7126; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 70; and H. Res. 1002–1006 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5577, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–456); and

H.R. 6644, to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 119–457, Part 1).

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Protecting Prudent Investment of Retirement Savings Act: The House passed H.R. 2988, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 31.

Pages H897–H907

Rejected the Kaptur motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Workforce by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 30.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Huizenga amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–440) that requires GAO to publish a

study on brokerage accounts (by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 29).

Pages H903–05

H. Res. 988, the rule providing for consideration of the bills H.R. 2988, H.R. 2262, H.R. 2270, H.R. 2312 and H.R. 4366, was agreed to Tuesday, January 13th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. tomorrow, January 16th; and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 for morning-hour debate.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H904–05, H906–07, and H907.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 6505, the “Next Generation 9–1–1 Act”; H.R. 2076, the “LuLu’s Law”; H.R. 5200, the “Emergency Reporting Act”; H.R. 5201, the “Kari’s Law Reporting Act”; H.R. 7022, the “Mystic Alerts Act”; and H.R. 1519, the “Public Safety Communications Act”. H.R. 6505, H.R. 2076, H.R. 5200, H.R. 5201, H.R. 7022, and H.R. 1519 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D12)

S. 222, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk. Signed on January 14, 2026. (Public Law 119–69)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Friday, January 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Friday, January 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.

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