

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in joint session to count electoral votes.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Electoral Ballot Count:** Senate met in Joint Session with the House of Representatives to count the electoral ballots of the States cast in the election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:45 p.m. and adjourned at 1:41 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 350–366; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21–22; H. Con. Res. 8; and H. Res. 29–32, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

**Electoral College Vote Tellers:** Pursuant to S. Con. Res. 2, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2017, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States, the Chair appointed Representative Harper and Representative Brady of Pennsylvania as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m.

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**Joint Session:** The Joint Session was called to order at 1:06 p.m. and dissolved at 1:41 p.m.

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**Declaration of the Election of President and Vice President:** Pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 2, and the requirements of the Constitu-

tion and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, the two Houses of Congress met in Joint Session with Vice President Biden as the presiding officer to count the electoral votes. The following votes were cast for President: Donald J. Trump of New York, 304, Hillary Clinton of New York, 227, Colin Powell of Virginia, 3, John Kasich of Ohio, 1, Ron Paul of Texas, 1, Bernie Sanders of Vermont, 1, and Faith Spotted Eagle of South Dakota, 1. The following votes were cast for Vice President: Michael R. Pence of Indiana, 305, Tim Kaine of Virginia, 227, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, 2, Maria Cantwell of Washington, 1, Susan Collins of Maine, 1, Carly Fiorina of Virginia, 1, and Winona LaDuke of Minnesota, 1. After announcing the results of the certification process, the Vice President announced that the Joint Session was dissolved and that the results of the proceedings had during the Joint Session would be entered into the Journals of both Houses.

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During the Joint Session various House Members rose to make a point of order, object to the counting of the electoral votes from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming,

or to make a motion. The presiding officer and Chair, Vice President Biden, held that each case required a writing signed by both a Member of the House and a Senator. None were signed by a Senator and none were received. **Pages H186–89**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 29, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H190**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Conaway, King (NY), LoBiondo, Thomas J. Rooney (FL), Pompeo, Ros-Lehtinen, Turner, Wenstrup, Stewart, and Schiff. **Page H190**

**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 noon and adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 9 through January 13, 2017

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, Budget Resolution, and vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 1, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Sanders Amendment No. 19, to S. Con. Res. 3, Budget Resolution.

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 Armed Services:** January 10, to hold hearings to examine civilian control of the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

January 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James N. Mattis, to be Secretary of Defense; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider legislation to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** January 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Benjamin Carson, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–538.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** January 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, to be Secretary of Transportation, 10:15 a.m., SR–253.

January 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR–253.

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** January 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Betsy DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** January 10, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine backpage.com's facilitation of online sex trafficking, 10 a.m., SD–342.

January 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General John F. Kelly, USMC (Ret.), to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 3:30 p.m., SD–342.

**Committee on the Judiciary:** January 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

January 11, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

### House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.