

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate agreed to S. Res. 496, relative to the death of former Senator Alan John Dixon.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2564, and S. Res. 495–496.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Legislative Activities of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation During the 112th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 113–206)

S. 2028, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety. (S. Rept. No. 113–205)

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Measures Passed:

Responsibility of Committees of the Senate of Advice and Consent: Senate agreed to S. Res. 470, amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to clarify the responsibility of committees of the Senate in the provision of the advice and consent of the Senate to nominations to positions in the intelligence community.

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Summer Meals Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 495, designating July 2014 as “Summer Meals Awareness Month”.

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Death of Former Senator Alan John Dixon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 496, relative to the death of the Honorable Alan John Dixon, former United States Senator for the State of Illinois.

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Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting.

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

By 82 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 218), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2014; and that all time during adjournment, recess, and morning business count post-cloture.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 217), Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—218) **Pages S4210–11**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Alan John Dixon, in accordance with S. Res. 496, at 7:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S4231.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 5018–5019; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 654–656, were introduced. **Page H5830**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5830**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5829**

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 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998. Signed on June 30, 2014. (Public Law 113–124)

S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future. Signed on June 30, 2014. (Public Law 113–125)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold receive a closed briefing on the situations in Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role of regulation in shaping equity market structure and electronic trading, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine combating forced labor and modern-day slavery in East Asia and the Pacific, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine renewed focus on European energy security, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the challenges of prevention and identification in child trafficking and private re-homing, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled "VA Whistleblowers: Exposing Inadequate Service Provided to Veterans and Ensuring Appropriate Accountability", 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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. D638)

H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects. Signed on June 30, 2014. (Public Law 113–122)

S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Signed on June 30, 2014. (Public Law 113–123)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 8 through July 11, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act, post-cloture.

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 Appropriations: July 10, to hold hearings to examine proposed emergency supplemental request for fiscal year 2015 for unaccompanied children and related matters, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 8, to receive a closed briefing on the situations in Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

July 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, General John F. Campbell, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and Commander, United States Forces, Afghanistan, and Lieutenant General Joseph L. Votel, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 8, to hold hearings to examine the role of regulation in shaping equity market structure and electronic trading, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 9, to hold hearings to examine promoting the well-being and academic success of college athletes, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 8, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine combating forced labor and modern-day slavery in East Asia and the Pacific, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

July 8, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine renewed focus on European energy security, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Russia and developments in Ukraine, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

July 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 8, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the challenges of prevention and identification in child trafficking and private re-homing, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 9, to hold hearings to examine challenges at the border, focusing on the causes, consequences, and responses to the rise in apprehensions at the southern border, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 9, to hold hearings to examine S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and S. 2503, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 10, business meeting to consider S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, and the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 8, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 10, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 9, to hold hearings to examine improving audits, focusing on strengthening the Medicare program for future generations, 2:15 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: July 9, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to consider the societal benefits of biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 10, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Implementing

the Agricultural Act of 2014: Commodity Policy and Crop Insurance”, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 9, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Defense Reform: Empowering Acquisition Success”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Cruiser and Destroyer Modernization and Large Surface Combatant Force Structure Assessment”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Working with Families In Need”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 10, Full Committee markup on H.R. 3136, the “Advancing Competency-Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2013”; H.R. 4983, the “Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act”; and H.R. 4984, the “Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Modernizing Clinical Trials”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Constitutional Considerations: States vs. Federal Environmental Policy Implementation”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Incorporating the Patient Perspective”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislation to Reform the Federal Reserve on Its 100-year Anniversary”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Spotlighting Human Rights in Southeast Asia”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of International Civilian Nuclear Cooperation”, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, “Human Rights Vetting: Nigeria and Beyond”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “The Executive Proclamation Designating the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks a National Monument: Implications for Border Security”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 11, Over-Criminalization Task Force, hearing on Agency Perspectives, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 9, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on

H.R. 3994, the “Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act”; and H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 9, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Examining Solutions to Close the \$106 Billion Improper Payments Gap”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining New Embassy Construction: Are New Administration Policies Putting Americans Overseas in Danger?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Medicare Mismanagement Part II: Exploring Medicare Appeals Reform”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Workforce: The Viability of the Senior Executive Service”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 9, Full Committee hearing on H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; and H.R. 5016, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Fusion Energy: The World’s Most Complex Energy Project”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 10, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Cash Accounting: A Simpler Method for Small Firms?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, July 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VA Whistleblowers: Exposing Inadequate Service Provided to Veterans and Ensuring Appropriate Accountability”, 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Service should not lead to suicide: Access to VA’s Mental Health Care”, 9:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., 304-HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 9, to hold hearings to examine political pluralism in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mediterranean Partners, focusing on political developments among the Mediterranean Partners in the years following the popular uprisings that began in late 2010, 10 a.m., SVC-203/202.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through June 30, 2014

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	89	87	..
Time in session	552 hrs., 36'	430 hrs., 52'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4,193	5,827	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,107	..
Public bills enacted into law	19	34	53
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	2	..
Measures passed, total	205	257	462
Senate bills	32	16	..
House bills	34	165	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	3	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	5	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	10	11	..
Simple resolutions	120	58	..
Measures reported, total	* 108	* 179	287
Senate bills	74	1	..
House bills	18	143	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	16	32	..
Special reports	4	6	..
Conference reports	2	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	316	61	..
Measures introduced, total	854	1,458	2,312
Bills	669	1,209	..
Joint resolutions	10	12	..
Concurrent resolutions	8	32	..
Simple resolutions	167	205	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	216	138	..
Recorded votes .....	..	229	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through June 30, 2014

Civilian nominations, totaling 510 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	261
Unconfirmed	244
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,347, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,863
Unconfirmed	484
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,958, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,515
Unconfirmed	442
Withdrawn	1
Army nominations, totaling 3,380, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,645
Unconfirmed	1,735
Navy nominations, totaling 1,593, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,577
Unconfirmed	16
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 874, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	873
Unconfirmed	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	2
Total nominations received this Session	10,660
Total confirmed	7,734
Total unconfirmed	2,922
Total withdrawn	6
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 73 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 187 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, July 8

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: (1) H.R. 1528—Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act; (2) H.R. 4653—to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes, as amended; (3) H. Res. 588—Concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents, as amended; (4) H.R. 3488—The Preclearance Authorization Act of 2014; (5) H.R. 4007—The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014, as amended; (6) H.R. 4263—The Social Media Working Group Act of 2014; (7) H.R. 4812—The Honor Flight Act; and (8) H.R. 4289—The Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act.



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