

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5523–S5572

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2792–2801, and S. Res. 542–543. **Page S5564**

Measures Passed:

All Circuit Review Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers. **Page S5570**

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2258, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5570–71**

National Save for Retirement Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 542, supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy. **Page S5571**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5524–30**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3800, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5530**

Reid Amendment No. 3801 (to Amendment No. 3800), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5530**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3802, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5530**

Reid Amendment No. 3803 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3802), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5530**

Reid Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3803), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5530**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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, September 11, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2014. **Page S5530**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadlines for first-degree amendments to the bill be 3:00 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2014, and second-degree amendments be 4:30 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2014. **Page S5571**

Federal Student Loans: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans. **Pages S5531–43, S5545–49**

Election Contributions and Expenditures: By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 261), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. **Pages S5543–44**

Baran Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S5549**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 11, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Page S5549**

Burns Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S5549**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 11, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S5549**

Baran and Burns Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Monday, September 15, 2014, notwithstanding rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nominations, that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be ten minutes in length. **Pages S5549–50**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone. **Pages S5544, S5572**

Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. **Pages S5544, S5572**

David Radzanowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Pages S5544, S5572**

Miranda A. A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S5544, S5572**

Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S5544, S5572**

Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2020. **Pages S5544–45, S5572**

Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2020. **Pages S5545, S5572**

David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016. **Pages S5545, S5572**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—261) **Page S5544**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5571.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Re-

public of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, and David Nathan Saperstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1535, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Arthur Lee Bentley III, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5448–5460; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 113–115; and H. Res. 720–721 were introduced. **Page H7454**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7455–56**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Gwen Moore (H. Rept. 113–585). **Page H7454**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m. **Page H7436**

Employee Health Care Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3522, to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 167 noes,

Roll No. 495. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, September 10th. **Page H7436–38**

Rejected the Brownley (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 187 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 494.

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H. Res. 717, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, September 10th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on September 9th:

Enhance Labeling, Accessing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014: H.R. 5161, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications

Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 496.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on September 10th:

EPS Service Parts Act of 2014: H.R. 5057, amended, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards and

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Reinstating and extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir: S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet on Monday, September 15th at 12 noon for Morning Hour Debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, September 18, 2014 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7436.

Senate Referrals: S. 2154 was held at the desk and S. 2323 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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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 H7437, H7437–38, H7438–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING H.R. 5411, THE TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2014

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 5411, the Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Chon, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND ITS ONGOING FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA FOR DOCUMENTS ABOUT A RECENT INVESTIGATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Inspector General and Its Ongoing Failure to Comply with a Subpoena for Documents about a Recent Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

THE DECLINE IN BUSINESS FORMATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “The Decline in Business Formation: Implications for Entrepreneurship and the Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, September 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 2199, Paycheck Fairness Act.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 2199, Paycheck Fairness Act, Senate will resume consideration of the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations.

House Chamber

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