

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1343–S1396.

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 682–701, and S. Res. 99. **Pages S1383–S1394**

Measures Passed:

Work and Life of Boris Nemtsov: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 93, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic murder in Moscow on February 27, 2015, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1395**

Measures Considered:

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Portman Amendment No. 270, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking. **Page S1369**

Portman Amendment No. 271, to amend the definition of “homeless person” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth. **Pages S1369–S1370**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. **Page S1395**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, a clarification of the initial appointment rather than reappointment, made on March 9, 2015, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Deborah

Skaggs Speth of Kentucky vice Thomas Mackey of Kentucky. **Page S1395**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
6 Army nominations in the rank of general.
23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1382–S1383**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1384–S1385**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1388–S1389**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1395**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1395.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Veterans Health Administration, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health, and James Tuchschmidt, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE AND THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

IRAN'S MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT ON REGIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on Iran's military and intelligence activities and impact on regional security from Matthew Spence, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle East Policy, and Colonel Mark W. Visconti, USAF, Director of Regional Operations for the Deputy Director for Special Operations (J-37), Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and an official from the intelligence community.

VENTURE EXCHANGES AND SMALL-CAP COMPANIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine venture exchanges and small-cap companies, after receiving testimony from Stephen Luparello, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission; Thomas W. Farley, New York Stock Exchange Group, and Nelson Griggs, Nasdaq, both of New York, New York; and Scott Kupor, Andreessen Horowitz, Menlo Park, California.

TAX COMPLEXITY, COMPLIANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax complexity, compliance, and adminis-

tration, focusing on the merits of simplification in tax reform, after receiving testimony from Bruce Bartlett, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, Great Falls, Virginia; Carol Markman, EP Caine and Associates, CPA LLC, Westbury, New York; Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; and Keith Fogg, Villanova Law School Low Income Tax Clinic, Villanova, Pennsylvania.

UNITED STATES POLICY IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Ukraine, focusing on countering Russia and driving reform, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Vice Admiral Frank Pandolfe, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff Pentagon, both of the Department of Defense; Ramin Toloui, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Finance; John E. Herbst, former Ambassador to Ukraine, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.; and John Kornblum, former Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs and former Ambassador to Germany, Berlin, Germany.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, and Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LEADERSHIP IN MEDICAL INNOVATION FOR PATIENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine continuing America's leadership in medical innovation for patients, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, and Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

ANTITRUST DECREES THAT GOVERN THE MARKET FOR MUSIC

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the antitrust decrees that govern the market for music, after receiving testimony from Mike Dowdle, Bonneville International Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Jodie Griffin, Public Knowledge, Washington, D.C.; Christopher S. Harrison, Pandora Media, Inc., Austin, Texas;

Elizabeth Matthews, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and Matt Pincus, SONGS Music Publishing, both of New York, New York; and Lee Thomas Miller, Broadcast Music, Inc. Songwriter Affiliate, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Nashville Songwriters Association International.

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: 10 public bills, H.R. 1343–1352; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 148 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Scott Sina, St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, McLean, Virginia.

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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 12:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year

2016 for the National Nuclear Safety Administration, 9 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine protecting religious freedom abroad, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine benefits of a balanced budget, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine state regulators' perspectives on the clean power plan, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's request for authorization to use force against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), focusing on military and diplomatic efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, March 13

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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