

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1397–S1449.

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills were introduced, as follows: S. 702–722. **Pages S1438–39**

Measures Considered:

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

Pages S1403–23, S1423–30

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. **Pages S1403–23, S1423–30**

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 S1403–23, S1423–30**

Vitter Amendment No. 284 (to Amendment No. 271), to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth.

Pages S1408–23, S1423–30

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2015. **Page S1449**

Hart and Dinh-Zarr Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the following nominations: Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years, and Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2018; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirma-

tion of the nominations in the order listed; that no further motions be in order. **Page S1449**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric Martin Satz, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2018.

Vanessa Lorraine Allen Sutherland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Vanessa Lorraine Allen Sutherland, of Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Edward L. Ayers, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Kathryn K. Matthew, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a term of four years.

Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2015.

Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2022.

James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2017.

Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1437–38**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1435–37**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1449.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, Donald Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Admiral John Richardson, United States Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, and Deputy Administrator for Office of Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Yvette Roubideaux, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Robert G. McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Julian Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Army, after receiving testimony

from John McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ABROAD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine protecting religious freedom abroad, after receiving testimony from David N. Saperstein, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Bishop Oscar Cantu, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Tony Perkins, Family Research Council, and Jay Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), and Lieutenant General Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from John C. Conger, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, all of the Department of Defense.

BENEFITS OF A BALANCED BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine benefits of a balanced budget, after receiving testimony from former Michigan Governor John Engler, Business Roundtable, and Maya MacGuineas, Committee for a Responsible Federal

Budget, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark Blyth, Brown University Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, Rhode Island.

NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network, including preliminary information on FirstNet's efforts to establish a nationwide broadband network, after receiving testimony from Bruce H. Andrews, Deputy Secretary, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; G. Keith Bryant, Oklahoma City Fire Department Chief, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; and Sue Swenson, First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), Reston, Virginia.

CLEAN POWER PLANT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine state regulators' perspectives on the clean power plan, after receiving testimony from Ellen Nowak, Wisconsin Public Service Commission Chairperson, Madison; Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; Thomas Easterly, Indiana Department of Environmental Management Commissioner, Indianapolis; Mary Nichols, California Air Resources Board Chairman, Sac-

ramento; and Michael J. Myers, Office of New York State Attorney General Environmental Protection Bureau Assistant Attorney General, Albany.

USE OF FORCE AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State; and Ash Carter, Secretary, and General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Roseann A. Ketchmark, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senators Blunt and McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Capitol Police, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at approximately 12 p.m., 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine protecting taxpayers from schemes and scams during the 2015 tax filing season, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on implications for United States national security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine how prepared Americans are for retirement, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12

Senate Chamber

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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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