

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1451–S1509.

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 723–738, and S. Res. 100–101.

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Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 85, honoring the life and legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 7, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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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 and motions 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.

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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.

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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.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule

XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the first-degree amendment filing deadline be at 5 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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Monje, Jr. and Brown Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; 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 confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 70), Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

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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.

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Michael Greco, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

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Ronald Lee Miller, of Kansas, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas for the term of four years. **Pages S1508–09**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1508**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—70) **Page S1474**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:01 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1509.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the Senate; Frank J. Larkin, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Kim C. Dine, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police.

APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies con-

cluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Stacia A. Hylton, Director, U.S. Marshals Service, Michele Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, and B. Todd Jones, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, all of the Department of Justice.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Commander, U.S. Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General John F. Kelly, USMC, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program from Vice Admiral James D. Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

NASA BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, after receiving testimony from Steve Ellis, Deputy Director, Operations, Bureau of

Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief for National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Jeff Crane, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, and Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, both of Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING TAXPAYERS FROM SCHEMES AND SCAMS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting taxpayers from schemes and scams during the 2015 tax filing season, after receiving testimony from Caroline Ciraolo, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; Timothy P. Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Mike Alley, Indiana Department of Revenue Commissioner, Indianapolis; John L. Valentine, Utah State Tax Commission Chairman, Salt Lake City; and Ellen Klem, Oregon Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General Director of Consumer Outreach and Education, Portland.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on implications for United States national security, after receiving testimony from Mark Koumans, Deputy Assistant Sec-

etary for International Affairs, Office of Policy, and Maureen Dugan, Deputy Executive Director, National Targeting Center, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Edward J. Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Michael Chertoff, former Secretary of Homeland Security, The Chertoff Group, and Marc E. Frey, former Director, Visa Waiver Program, Department of Homeland Security, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Brian Michael Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled “Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015”.

AMERICANS' PREPAREDNESS FOR RETIREMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how prepared Americans are for retirement, after receiving testimony from Jean Chatzky, NBC Today, Briarcliff Manor, New York; Alicia H. Munnell, Boston College Center for Retirement Research, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; Michal Grinstein-Weiss, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; and Rob Carmichael, Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Bangor.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a 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 FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, March 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will resume consideration of S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, with the filing deadline for first-degree amendments at 5 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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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