

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5091–S5132

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1766–1783, and S.J. Res. 19. **Page S5129**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–81)

S. 1647, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–80) **Pages S5128–29**

Measures Considered:

Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Alexander (for McCain/Reid) Amendment No. 2111 (to Amendment No. 2089), to express the sense of Congress that John Arthur “Jack” Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially-motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historical significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation.

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Murray (for Bennet/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2141 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for shared services strategies and models. **Page S5095**

Alexander (for Ayotte/Blumenthal) Amendment No. 2145 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow States to use State activity funds provided under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for certain evidence-based mental health awareness programs. **Page S5095**

Murray (for Udall) Amendment No. 2149 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow the Bureau of Indian Education to apply for certain competitive

grants under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Page S5095**

Murray (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2150 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow eligible entities to use funds provided under part A of title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for bilingual paraprofessionals and linguistically responsive materials. **Page S5095**

Murray (for Carper/Ayotte) Modified Amendment No. 2151 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend part A of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve preparation programs and strengthen support for principals and other school leaders. **Page S5095**

Murray (for King/Capito) Amendment No. 2154 (to Amendment No. 2089), to authorize the Institute of Education Sciences to conduct a study on student access to digital learning resources outside of the school day. **Pages S5095–96**

Alexander (for Thune) Amendment No. 2155 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require a report on responses to Indian student suicides. **Page S5096**

Alexander (for Flake) Amendment No. 2157 (to Amendment No. 2089), to reserve funds for an evaluation of early learning alignment and improvement grants. **Page S5096**

Alexander (for Lee) Amendment No. 2234 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish a rule of construction regarding travel to and from school. **Page S5096**

Murray (for Booker) Amendment No. 2170 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the early learning alignment and improvement grant program under part I of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that States support early childhood education programs that maintain disciplinary policies that do not include expulsion or suspension of participating children. **Page S5096**

Murray (for Coons) Amendment No. 2178 (to Amendment No. 2089), to encourage increasing the amount of funds available for parent and family engagement. **Page S5096**

Alexander (for McCain) Amendment No. 2181 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow States to use funding under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to replicate and

expand successful practices from high-performing public schools. **Page S5096**

Murray (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2185 (to Amendment No. 2089), to support innovation schools. **Page S5096**

Alexander (for Blunt) Amendment No. 2195 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1113(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow local educational agencies to address the needs of children in schools served by schoolwide programs by providing school-based mental health programs. **Page S5096**

Murray (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2216 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require a report on cybersecurity education. **Pages S5096–97**

Alexander (for Graham) Amendment No. 2199 (to Amendment No. 2089), to include entrepreneurship as a local educational agency allowable use of funds under title II. **Page S5097**

Alexander Amendment No. 2201 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide that State assessments not evaluate or assess personal or family beliefs and attitudes, or publicly disclose personally identifiable information. **Page S5097**

Murray (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2225 (to Amendment No. 2089), to improve title I by including information about assessments in the categories of information that parents have a right to know about. **Page S5097**

Murray (for Booker/Bennet) Amendment No. 2224 (to Amendment No. 2089), to assess and improve educator support and working conditions. **Page S5097**

Alexander (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2227 (to Amendment No. 2089), to reauthorize the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999. **Page S5097**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 238), Murray (for Markey) Amendment No. 2176 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish a climate change education program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5102, S5115**

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 239), Murray (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 2171 (to Amendment No. 2089), to reinstate grants to improve the mental health of children. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5099, S5115–16**

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 240), Alexander (for Kirk) Amendment No. 2161 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure that States measure and report on indicators of student access to critical educational resources and identify disparities in such resources.

(A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5093, S5116–17**

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 241), Murray (for Murphy) Amendment No. 2241 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the accountability provisions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5102, S5106–08, S5114–15, S5117**

Withdrawn:

Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2120 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(d) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding the cross-tabulation of student data. **Pages S5093, S5104**

Alexander (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2144 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide States and local educational agencies with resources on climate theory to promote improved science education. **Pages S5102, S5115**

Pending:

Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5093**

Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities. **Page S5093**

Murray (for Coons/Rubio) Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 2089), to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts. **Page S5098**

Alexander (for Cruz/Lee) Amendment No. 2180 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for State-determined assessment and accountability systems. **Page S5098**

Alexander (for Hatch/Bennet) Amendment No. 2082 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 relating to early learning. **Page S5099**

Murray (for Warren) Amendment No. 2106 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include specialized instructional support personnel in the literacy development of children. **Page S5099**

Alexander (for Burr/Bennet) Modified Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the allocation of funds under subpart 2 of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S5099–S5102, S5108–11, S5117**

Murray (for Murphy) Amendment No. 2186 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish the Promise Neighborhoods program. **Page S5102**

Murray (for Brown/Manchin) Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of

1965 to establish a full-service community schools grant program. **Page S5102**

Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2177 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for youth jobs.

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Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2242 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish a Federal-State partnership to provide access to high-quality public prekindergarten programs from low-income and moderate-income families to ensure that they enter kindergarten prepared for success.

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Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2130 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title I to support assessments of school facilities. **Page S5102**

Murray (for Nelson) Modified Amendment No. 2215 (to Amendment No. 2089), to include partnering with current and recently retired STEM professionals and tailoring educational resources to engage students and teachers in STEM.

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Murray (for Manchin/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2222 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State plan requirements of section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support children facing substance abuse in the home.

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Alexander (for Boozman/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2231 (to Amendment No. 2089), to support professional development to help students prepare for postsecondary education and the workforce.

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Murray (for Baldwin/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2188 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure States will ensure the unique needs of students at all levels of schooling. **Page S5103**

Alexander (for Capito/Durbin) Amendment No. 2156 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State report card under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include the rates of enrollment in postsecondary education, and remediation rates, for high schools. **Page S5103**

Alexander (for Thune) Amendment No. 2232 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow extended services Project SERV grants under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be available for violence prevention activities. **Page S5103**

Murray (for King/Capito) Amendment No. 2256 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the definitions of eligible technology and technology readiness survey and to provide a restriction on funds.

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Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2240 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide resources needed

to study and review Native American language medium schools and programs. **Page S5104**

Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2249 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(c) of the ESEA to require States to provide an assurance regarding cross-tabulation of student data.

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

By 86 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 237), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089 (listed above). **Page S5098**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, July 16, 2015, Senate vote on or in relation to the following amendments: Murray (for Coons/Rubio) Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Alexander (for Cruz/Lee) Amendment No. 2180 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Alexander (for Hatch/Bennet) Amendment No. 2082 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Warren) Amendment No. 2106 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Alexander (for Burr/Bennet) Modified Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Murphy) Amendment No. 2186 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Brown/Manchin) Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2177 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2242 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2130 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Nelson) Modified Amendment No. 2215 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Manchin/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2222 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Alexander (for Boozman/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2231 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Baldwin/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2188 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Alexander (for Capito/Durbin) Amendment No. 2156 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Alexander (for Thune) Amendment No. 2232 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for King/Capito) Amendment No. 2256 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2240 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), and Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2249 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above); that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of the amendments prior to the votes on or in relation to

the amendments; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote; that all after the first vote in each series be ten minutes in length; and that the following amendments in this agreement be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold for adoption: Murray (for Coons/Rubio) Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2177 (to Amendment No. 2089), and Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2242 (to Amendment No. 2089). **Page S5097**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2015, Senate vote on or in relation to the following amendments in the order listed: Alexander (for Cruz/Lee) Amendment No. 2180 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2177 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Coons/Rubio) Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 2089), Alexander (for Burr/Bennet) Modified Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Brown/Manchin) Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2242 (to Amendment No. 2089), Alexander (for Hatch/Bennet) Amendment No. 2082 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Warren) Amendment No. 2106 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2130 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Murphy) Amendment No. 2186 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Nelson) Modified Amendment No. 2215 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Manchin/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2222 (to Amendment No. 2089), Alexander (for Boozman/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2231 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Baldwin/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2188 (to Amendment No. 2089), Alexander (for Capito/Durbin) Amendment No. 2156 (to Amendment No. 2089), Alexander (for Thune) Amendment No. 2232 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for King/Capito) Amendment No. 2256 (to Amendment No. 2089), Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2240 (to Amendment No. 2089), and Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2249 (to Amendment No. 2089). **Page S5125**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2015; and that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089 (listed above). **Page S5132**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

- 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—241) **Pages S5098, S5115–17**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5132.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

INTEGRITY OF INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the governance and integrity of international soccer, after receiving testimony from Andrew Jennings, British Broadcasting Corporation, Penrith, United Kingdom; Daniel Flynn, United States Soccer Federation, Chicago, Illinois; Michael Hershman, Fairfax Group, McLean, Virginia; and Sunjeev Bery, Amnesty International USA, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1732, to authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kristen Marie Kulinowski, of New York, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years, who was introduced by Senator Markey, and Gregory Guy Nadeau, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senators Collins and King, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS HAITI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards Haiti prior to the elections, after receiving testimony from Thomas C. Adams, Haiti Special Coordinator, Office of the Haiti Special Coordinator, Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, and Peter F. Mulrean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECURING THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding threats

and strategies for the maritime border, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Peter J. Brown, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, Coast Guard, Randolph D. Alles, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine, Customs and Border Protection, and Peter T. Edge, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

JUVENILE JUSTICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine juvenile justice in Indian Country, focusing on challenges and promising strategies, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Darren Cruzan, Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Addie C. Rolnick, University of Nevada William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas; and Carla Knapp, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Fort Myers, Florida.

DIABETES RESEARCH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine diabetes research, focusing on improving lives on the path to a cure, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Habib Zaghouni, University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia; Amelia Cooper, Kansas City, Missouri, and Isabelle Levesque, Arundel, Maine, both of JDRF Children's Congress; Robert S. Amato, Johnston, Rhode Island; and Kate Hall, Casco, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3064–3083; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 63; and H. Res. 363–365 were introduced. **Pages H5235–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5238–39**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Moolenaar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5175**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5183**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. William Langford, Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia. **Page H5183**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H5183**

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that the text of H.R. 2722, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer, as proposed to be passed under suspension of the rules, be modified by the amendment placed at the desk. **Pages H5183–84**

Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II: The House passed H.R. 3038, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, by a recorded vote of 312 ayes to 119 noes, Roll No. 441. **Pages H5188–S5213**

Rejected the Van Hollen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 440. **Pages H5210–13**

H. Res. 362, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2898) and (H.R. 3038) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 439, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 438. **Pages H5197–98**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 14th:

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2722, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 9 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 442. **Pages H5213–14**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 16. **Page H5214**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Steve Gleason Act of 2015: S. 984, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices; and **Pages H5214–17**

Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act of 2015: S. 971, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length

of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program. **Pages H5217–19**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5184.

Senate Referrals: S. 1300 and S. 1482 were held at the desk. S. 756 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H5184**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5197, H5197–98, H5212–13, H5213 and H5213–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECOGNIZING THE CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1890S LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES ON THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE SECOND MORRILL ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on recognizing the continuing contributions of the 1890s Land-Grant Universities on the 125th Anniversary of the passage of the Second Morrill Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: DEVELOPING AND USING EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Developing and Using Evidence-Based Solutions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy". Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ALLIANCES IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "U.S. Economic and Military Alliances in Asia". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE RISE OF RADICALIZATION: IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FAILING TO COUNTER INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM?; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Rise of Radicalization: Is the U.S. Government Failing to Counter International and Domestic Terrorism?”; and a markup on H.R. 2899, the “Countering Violent Extremism Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H.R. 2899 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1656, the “Secret Service Improvements Act of 2015”. H.R. 1656 was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Howard A. Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ON FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Future of Hydraulic Fracturing on Federally Managed Lands”. Testimony was heard from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1028, the “Return of Certain Lands At Fort Wingate to The Original Inhabitants Act”; H.R. 2684, the “Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act”; and H.R. 2733, the “Nevada Native Nations Lands Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pearce, Babin, and Amodei; Michael Smith, Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Criminal Justice Reform, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY: THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on the Interior, held a joint hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: The Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burns, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Interior; and Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

INVESTIGATING CONTRACT MISCONDUCT AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Investigating Contract Misconduct at the National Weather Service”. Testimony was heard from Mark Greenblatt, Deputy Assistant General for Compliance and Ethics, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

TAKING FLIGHT: SMALL BUSINESS UTILIZATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Taking Flight: Small Business Utilization of Unmanned Aircraft”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; EXPLORING VA’S ADMINISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”; and a hearing entitled “Exploring VA’s Administration of Individual Unemployability Benefits”. H.R. 1994 was ordered reported, as amended. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Bradley Flohr, Senior Advisor, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM PROPOSALS, SPECIFICALLY INVOLVING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on welfare reform proposals, specifically involving the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Testimony was heard from Kristen Cox, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Management and Budget, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what lower labor force participation rates tell us about work opportunities and incentives, after receiving testimony from Scott Winship, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York; and Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute, and Elisabeth S. Jacobs, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine pending Forest Service and forestry related bills, including S. 61, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana, S. 755, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1100, to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger, S. 1110, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, S. 1671, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, S. 1712, to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, S. 1733, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land of the United States, and S. 1744, to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 132, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 326, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and S. 1691, to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, 2:45 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine HealthCare.gov controls, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' role in the regulatory process, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Ensuring Accurate Numbers and Administration Action", 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

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