

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6213–S6245

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1915–1918, and S. Res. 240–241. **Pages S6239–40**

Measures Reported:

S. 1629, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 114–110) **Page S6239**

Measures Passed:

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 241, designating August 16, 2015, as “National Airborne Day”. **Pages S6244–45**

Measures Considered:

Prohibit Federal Funding of Planned Parenthood: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1881, to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. **Pages S6215–28**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 262), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S6227–28**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6228**

Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 754, to improve cybersecurity

in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats. **Pages S6228–35**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 Wednesday, August, 5, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. **Page S6245**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6244**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—262) **Page S6228**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6245.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VERIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action verification and assessment report, after receiving testimony from members of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D910)

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. Signed on July 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–39)

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. Signed on July 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–40)

H.R. 3236, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services. Signed on July 31, 2015. (Public Law 114–41)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and the military balance in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine litigation at the Environmental Protection Agency and Fish and Wildlife Service, focusing on impacts on the United States economy, States, local communities, and the environment, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine preserving families and reducing the need for foster care, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, focusing on non-proliferation, inspections, and nuclear constraints, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Calvaresi Barr, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Edwin Richard Nolan, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons, focusing on first-hand accounts of challenges facing the Federal prison system, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of August 4 through August 7, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of motion to proceed to consideration of S. 754, Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: August 4, to hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and the military balance in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

August 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the procurement, acquisition, testing, and oversight of the Navy's *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: August 5, to hold hearings to examine the implications of sanctions relief under the Iran agreement, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: August 5, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: August 4, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine litigation at the Environmental Protection Agency and Fish and Wildlife Service, focusing on impacts on the United States economy, States, local communities, and the environment, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

August 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1324, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, S. 1523, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, S. 1500, to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, S. 722, to extend the date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment, S. 1707, to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the “Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House”, S. 1147, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center”, S. 124, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project, H.R. 2559, to designate the “PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway” in the State of Texas, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: August 4, to hold hearings to examine preserving families and reducing the need for foster care, 10 a.m., SD-215.

August 5, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, S-211, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Marisa Lago, of New York, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: August 4, to hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, focusing on non-proliferation, inspections, and nuclear constraints, 10 a.m., SD-419.

August 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Calvaresi Barr, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Edwin Richard Nolan, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and Scott Allen,

of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

August 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the implications of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action for United States policy in the Middle East, 2 p.m., SD-419.

August 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 2015 Trafficking in Persons Report, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: August 5, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on opportunities to improve student success, 10 a.m., SD-430.

August 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome, S. 1893, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders, S. 481, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and the nominations of Karen Bollinger DeSalvo, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathryn K. Matthew, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a term of four years, W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Walter A. Barrows, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2019, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: August 4, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons, focusing on first-hand accounts of challenges facing the Federal prison system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

August 6, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency progress in retrospective review of existing regulations, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: August 5, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice’s legal obligation to ensure Inspector General access to all records needed for independent oversight, 10 a.m., SD-106.

August 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1814, to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities, and S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and the nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: August 6, to hold hearings to examine rising after disaster, focusing on improvements and continuing challenges, 1 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: August 4, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through July 31, 2015

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	111	104	..
Time in session	716 hrs, 15'	533 hrs, 22'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,211	5,783	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,204	..
Public bills enacted into law	9	32	41
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	2	..
Measures passed, total	245	330	575
Senate bills	45	11	..
House bills	38	212	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	8	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	13	15	..
Simple resolutions	139	83	..
Measures reported, total	168	233	401
Senate bills	127	2	..
House bills	16	183	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	24	44	..
Special reports	16	5	..
Conference reports	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	125	45	..
Measures introduced, total	2,185	3,978	6,163
Bills	1,905	3,437	..
Joint resolutions	21	63	..
Concurrent resolutions	20	71	..
Simple resolutions	239	407	..
Quorum calls	6	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	261	187	..
Recorded votes .....	..	301	..
Bills vetoed	2	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 109 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 239 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through July 31, 2015

Civilian nominations, totaling 272, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	60
Unconfirmed	205
Withdrawn	7
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,466, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,834
Unconfirmed	631
Withdrawn	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 4,897, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,425
Unconfirmed	1,471
Withdrawn	1
Army nominations, totaling 1,708, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	552
Unconfirmed	1,156
Navy nominations, totaling 1,952, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,635
Unconfirmed	317
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,064, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,061
Unconfirmed	3
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	12,359
Total confirmed	8,567
Total unconfirmed	3,783
Total withdrawn	9
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, August 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 754, Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Tuesday, August 4

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.



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