

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6543–S6612

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2021–2028, and S. Res. 251.

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Measures Reported:

S. 35, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana. (S. Rept. No. 114–139)

S. 248, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act. (S. Rept. No. 114–140)

S. 465, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. (S. Rept. No. 114–141)

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Measures Passed:

Outpatient Therapeutic Services Supervision Requirements: Senate passed S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act: Senate passed 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.

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Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2641 (to Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2642 (to Amendment No. 2641), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2643 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2644 (to Amendment No. 2643), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2645, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2646 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2645), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2647 (to Amendment No. 2646), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 264), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2640.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution, be withdrawn.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2640, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of September 10, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, 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 McConnell Amendment No. 2640. **Page S6582**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 1 p.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the joint resolution, with the time until 6 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during today's session on McConnell Amendment No. 2640, and on the joint resolution, ripen at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. **Page S6611**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 11, 2015, for a pro forma session, with no business conducted; and that when the Senate adjourns on September 11, 2015, it next convene at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. **Page S6611**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-23) **Page S6604**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Barbara Lee, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—264) **Page S6581**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6611.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3470–3489; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 414–416, were introduced. **Pages H5941–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5943–44**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 511, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–260). **Page H5941**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Young (IA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5869**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5878**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

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Finding that the President has not complied with section 2 of the Iran Nuclear Agreement

Review Act of 2015: The House agreed to H. Res. 411, finding that the President has not complied

with section 2 of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 492. **Pages H5891–H5911**

H. Res. 412, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 411) and providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3461) and (H.R. 3460) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 491, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H5882–91**

Approving the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna on July 14, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran: The House considered H.R. 3461, to approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna on July 14, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H5911–35**

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001 is to continue in effect for an additional year—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–58). **Page H5891**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H5875–76 and H5882.

Senate Referrals: S. 1603 was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Armed Services. S. 349 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H5939**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5891 and H5911. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OPTIMIZED FLEET RESPONSE PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Optimized Fleet Response Plan”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Jeffrey A. Harley, U.S. Navy, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans, and

Strategy (OPNAV N3/5B); and Captain Thom Burke, U.S. Navy, Director, Fleet Readiness (N43).

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S DEAL WITH IRAN: IMPLICATIONS FOR MISSILE DEFENSE AND NONPROLIFERATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Deal with Iran: Implications for Missile Defense and Nonproliferation”. Testimony was heard from Frank Klotz, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Robert M. Scher, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Department of Defense; Christopher J. Almont, Senior Defense Intelligence Expert, Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, Middle East/Africa Regional Center, Defense Intelligence Agency; Vice Admiral James Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Major General Steven M. Shepro, USAF, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J5, Joint Staff.

PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Preventing and Responding to Sexual Assault on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions. H.R. 702 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

PRESERVING RETIREMENT SECURITY AND INVESTMENT CHOICES FOR ALL AMERICANS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, held a joint hearing entitled “Preserving Retirement Security and Investment Choices for All Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA’S ADVANCE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, held a joint hearing entitled “China’s Advance in Latin America and the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a markup on Committee Print of the “Promoting Resilience and Efficiency in Preparing for Attacks and Responding to Emergencies Act”. The Committee Print of the “Promoting Resilience and Efficiency in Preparing for Attacks and Responding to Emergencies Act” was reported to the full committee, as amended.

THE STATE OF COMPETITION IN THE HEALTH CARE MARKETPLACE: THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT’S IMPACT ON COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Health Care Marketplace: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s Impact on Competition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES: COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Commercial Applications and Public Policy Implications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 538, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 1541, the “PRISM Act”; H.R. 1644, the “STREAM Act”; H.R. 1880, the “Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 2130, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”; H.R. 2168, the “West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act”; and H.R. 2288, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 538, H.R. 1880, and H.R. 2168. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1541, H.R. 1644, H.R. 2130, and H.R. 2288.

GSA: ARMY FEE ASSISTANCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “GSA: Army Fee Assistance”. Testimony was heard from Carol Fortine Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration; Stephanie L. Hoehne, Director, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, G9, Installation Management Command, U.S. Army; Gerard

Badorrek, Chief Financial Officer, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING VULNERABILITIES OF AMERICA’S POWER SUPPLY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining Vulnerabilities of America’s Power Supply”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a markup on Committee Print of the “Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2886, the “Future Transportation Research and Innovation for Prosperity Act”. The Committee Print of the “Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015” and H.R. 2886 were forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

A REVIEW OF LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING STANDARDS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS: DO BARRIERS STILL REMAIN?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of Licensing and Credentialing Standards for Servicemembers and Veterans: Do Barriers Still Remain?”. Testimony was heard from Teresa W. Gerton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Frank C. DiGiovanni, Director, Force Readiness and Training, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 692, the “Default Prevention Act”; and H.R. 3442, the “Debt Management and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2015”. H.R. 692 and H.R. 3442 were ordered reported, without amendment.

WORLD WIDE CYBER THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from John O. Brennan, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; James R. Clapper, Director, National Intelligence; James Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Admiral Michael S. Rogers, Director, National Security Agency; and Lieutenant General Vincent Stewart, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Oversight

of Federal Facility Cleanup under CERCLA”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Strengthening Medicaid Program Integrity and Closing Loopholes”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 3036, the “National 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center Act”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “State Perspectives: How EPA’s Power Plan Will Shut Down Power Plants”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Friday, September 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, September 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3461—To approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna on July 14, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3460—To suspend until January 21, 2017, the authority of the President to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran (Subject to a Rule).

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