

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Holiness Pope Francis of the Holy See.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6909–S6949

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2071–2080, and S. Res. 267–270. **Page S6938**

Measures Reported:

S. 2078, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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Measures Passed:

STEM Education Act: Senate passed H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6948–49**

McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 2694, to make a conforming amendment. **Page S6948**

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 258, designating the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6949**

National Estuaries Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 269, designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2015, as “National Estuaries Week”. **Page S6949**

Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 270, designating September 2015 as “Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month”. **Page S6949**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act: Senate resumed 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 and motions proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2674, to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the motion.)

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McConnell Amendment No. 2672 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2669), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S6910**

McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2669, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S6910**

Pending:

McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2680, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S6916–17**

McConnell Amendment No. 2681 (to Amendment No. 2680), to change the enactment date. **Page S6917**

McConnell Amendment No. 2682 (to Amendment No. 2681), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6917**

McConnell Amendment No. 2683 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2680), to change the enactment date. **Page S6917**

McConnell Amendment No. 2684 (to Amendment No. 2683), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6017**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2685, to change the enactment date. **Page S6917**

McConnell Amendment No. 2686 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2685), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6917**

McConnell Amendment No. 2687 (to Amendment No. 2686), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6917**

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

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 270), 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 (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2669 (listed above). **Pages S6910–16**

McConnell Amendment No. 2675 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2674), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2674 (listed above) was tabled. **Page S6910**

McConnell Amendment No. 2676 (to Amendment No. 2675), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2675 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2674) (listed above) fell. **Page S6910**

McConnell Amendment No. 2673 (to Amendment No. 2672), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2672 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2669) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S6910**

McConnell Amendment No. 2670 (to Amendment No. 2669), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2669 (listed above) was tabled. **Page S6910**

McConnell Amendment No. 2671 (to Amendment No. 2670), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2670 (to Amendment No. 2669) fell. **Page S6910**

House Messages:

TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed there-to: **Page S6931**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S6931**

McConnell Amendment No. 2690 (to Amendment No. 2689), to change the enactment date. **Pages S6931–32**

McConnell motion to refer the House message on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2691, to change the enactment date. **Page S6932**

McConnell Amendment No. 2692 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2691), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6932**

McConnell Amendment No. 2693 (to Amendment No. 2692), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6932**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2689 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, September 28, 2015. **Page S6932**

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—270) **Page S6916**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6949.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2015".

AGENCY REGULATORY GUIDANCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Wednesday, September 23, 2015, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the use of agency regulatory guidance, including how agencies could benefit from stronger internal control practices, after receiving testimony from Michelle A. Sager, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mary Beth Maxwell, Principal

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy; and Amy McIntosh, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education Delegated the Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

NSA OPERATIONS AND CHALLENGES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Security Agency operations and challenges, after receiving testimony from Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3594–3609; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 434–440 were introduced. **Pages H6226–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6228–29**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1613, to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–266). **Page H6226**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6191**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:33 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Pope Francis of the Holy See. The House reconvened at 1:02 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H6191**

Joint Meeting To Receive Pope Francis of the Holy See: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy, Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Messer, Foxx, Jenkins (KS), Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Becerra, Crowley, DeLauro, and Ben Ray Lujan (NM); and Senators McConnell, Cornyn, Hatch, Thune, Barrasso, Blunt, Wicker, Collins, Murkowski, Corker, Ayotte, Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Leahy, Tester, Stabenow, Klobuchar, Cardin, Menendez, and Mikulski. **Pages H6191–94**

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

Providing for the concurrence of the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 719, with an amendment: H. Res. 434, providing for the concurrence of the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 719, with an amendment; **Pages H6195–98**

Designating 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. 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”; **Pages H6197–98**

Designating the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse: S. 261, to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse; **Page H6198**

Quarterly Financial Report Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3116, to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; **Pages H6198–99**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”: S. 994, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”; **Pages H6199–H6200**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building”: H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building”; **Pages H6200–01**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt.

Zachary M. Fisher Post Office: H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 507;

Pages H6201–02, H6207

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”: H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”;

Pages H6202–03

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”: H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”;

Pages H6203–04

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the “Richard ‘Dick’ Chenault Post Office Building”: H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the “Richard ‘Dick’ Chenault Post Office Building”;

Pages H6204–05

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the “Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building”: H.R. 1884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the “Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building”; and

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building: H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building. Page H6205

RAPID Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 348, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 25th.

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H. Res. 420, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 348) and (H.R. 758) was agreed to on September 17th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6194.

Senate Referrals: S. 986 was held at the desk. S. 1170 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Armed Services. S. 1632 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-a-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H6207. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Broadcasting Ownership in the 21st Century”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on VIN Database and Auto Whistleblower Bills”, 9:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Friday, September 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 348—RAPID Act.

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