

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S79–S98

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2444–2448, and S. Con. Res. 27. **Page S93**

American Safe Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4038, to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, with the time until 2:30 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S96**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 58 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 3), Wilhelmina Marie Wright, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S84–86, S98**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Pages S97–98**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S86**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S97.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY AND COMMODITY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the near-term outlook for energy and commodity markets, after receiving testimony from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Antoine Halff, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, New York; and James P. Lucier, Jr., Capital Alpha Partners LLC, Daniel McGroarty, Carmot Strategic Group Inc., and Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con Res. 107.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016”, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice’s role in implementing new executive actions related to gun control, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States strategy and policy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Task Force for Business and Stability Operations projects in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas F. Scott Darling, III, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 659, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, S. 1024, to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, S. 1674, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, S. 1724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, S. 2396, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the “Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Middle East after the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine improving the Federal response to challenges in mental health care in America, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine understanding the goals and ideology of ISIS to better protect the homeland, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., S–216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of criminal intent standards in Federal prosecutions, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the biometric exit tracking system, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 11:30 a.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 20 through January 22, 2016

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4038, American SAFE Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Appropriations: January 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice’s role in implementing new executive actions related to gun control, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: January 20, to hold hearings to examine United States strategy and policy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

January 20, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Task Force for Business and Stability Operations projects in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

January 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas F. Scott Darling, III, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 21, to hold hearings to examine the status of innovative technologies within the automotive industry, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 20, business meeting to consider S. 659, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, S. 1024, to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, S. 1674, to amend and reauthorize certain

provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, S. 1724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, S. 2396, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the “Sidney Olsin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: January 21, to hold hearings to examine healthcare co-ops, focusing on a review of the financial and oversight controls, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 20, to hold hearings to examine the Middle East after the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, 10 a.m., SD-419.

January 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine political and economic developments in Latin America and opportunities for United States engagement, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 20, to hold hearings to examine improving the Federal response to challenges in mental health care in America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

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January 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine laying out the reality of the Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 20, to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of criminal intent standards in Federal prosecutions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

January 20, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the biometric exit tracking system, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

January 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and the nominations of Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Susan Paradise Baxter, and Marilyn Jean Horan, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: January 21, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' transformation strategy, focusing on examining the plan to modernize the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 20, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 11:30 a.m., SH-219.

January 21, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, January 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4038, American SAFE Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 2:30 p.m.

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

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 107.



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