

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1553–S1611

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2700–2739, S. Res. 403–409, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S1591–92**

Measures Reported: Report to accompany S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. (S. Rept. No. 114–231) **Page S1590**

Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 4721, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1560–61**

McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 3457, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1560–61**

Directing Senate Legal Counsel: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 38), Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. **Pages S1561–68**

Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act: Senate passed S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1605–06**

South Texas Bridge: Senate passed 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. **Page S1606**

Adding Zika Virus to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act: Senate passed S. 2512, to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1606–07**

Authorizing Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 111, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S1607**

Congratulating the University of Wyoming Men's Nordic Ski Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, congratulating the University of Wyoming men's Nordic ski team for winning the 38th annual United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association national championship. **Page S1607**

CDH Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 408, designating April 2016 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month". **Page S1607**

National Women's History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 409, recognizing March 2016 as "National Women's History Month". **Page S1607**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 34, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S1607**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Monday, March 28, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Page S1608**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S1608**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma

session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, March 21, 2016, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 11 a.m.; Monday, March 28, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.; and that when Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 31, 2016, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2016. **Page S1608**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Kazakhstan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 114–11).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S1607–08**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Janine Anne Davidson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Todd A. Weiler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S1610**

10 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Page S1610**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas Barry Wilson, of Delaware, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2017.

Heidi Neel Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2017.

Westley Watende Omari Moore, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

Westley Watende Omari Moore, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2021.

Anne Hall, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2021.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Larry T. Glenn, of the Virgin Islands, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Lisabeth Tabor Hughes, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

James Xavier Dempsey, of California, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2022.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S1608–10**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, which was sent to the Senate on July 8, 2015. **Pages S1610–11**

Messages from the House: **Page S1590**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1604**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Page S1568**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1608.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 2177 and H.R. 959, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, S. 651 and H.R. 1289, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, H.R. 1949, to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia, S. 1329 and H.R. 2288, bills to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, H.R. 2880, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, S. 1930 and H.R. 3371, bills to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, S. 119, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 718, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 770, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance, S. 1577, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1943, to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the State of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 1975, to establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1982, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund

the Wall of Remembrance, S. 1993, to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in the United States in national service positions to protect, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, S. 2039, to designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, S. 2061, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, S. 2309, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, S. 2608, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail", S. 2620, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and S. 2628, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, after receiving testimony from Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

HEALTHCARE.GOV

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine HealthCare.gov, focusing on a review of operations and enrollment, after receiving testimony from Erin Bliss, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director of Audits, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

ADMINISTRATION'S NUCLEAR AGENDA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's nuclear agenda, after receiving testimony from former Representative Ellen Tauscher; Rose E. Gottemoeller, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, and Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State; and William Tobey, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

AGENCY USE OF DEFERENCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine agency use of deference, after receiving testimony from Charles J. Cooper, Cooper and Kirk, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; Neomi Rao, George Mason School of Law Center for the Study of the Administrative State, Arlington, Virginia; and Michael Herz,

Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

PRICE SPIKES IN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sudden price spikes in decades-

old prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Adaora Adimora, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on behalf of the HIV Medicine Association; Ron Tilles, and Michael Smith, both of Turing Pharmaceuticals LLC, Dan Wichman, Broadfin Capital, LLC, and Howard L. Dorfman, all of New York, New York; and Shannon Weston, Whispering Pines, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 4771–4814; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 650–652, were introduced. **Pages H1460–62**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1463–64**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H1421**

Authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674: The House agreed to H. Res. 639, authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674, by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 129. **Pages H1434–46**

H. Res. 649, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 639) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 128, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 127. **Pages H1422–34**

Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking. **Pages H1446–47**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 21st for Morning Hour debate. **Pages H1450–51**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1434.

Senate Referral: S. 719 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H1460**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1433, H1433–34, H1445–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING USDA ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION—PART I

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining USDA Organization and Program Administration—Part I”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Alfred Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary, Rural Development.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESSES DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from General Lloyd J. Austin III, U.S. Central Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Sarah Saldana, Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service. Testimony was heard from Alexis Taylor, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; Val Dolcini, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Suzanne Palmieri, Associate Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY 2017 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET REQUEST AND READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Department of the Navy 2017 Operation and Maintenance Budget Request and Readiness Posture”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Michelle J. Howard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Vice Admiral John C. Aquilino, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5); and Vice Admiral Philip H. Cullom, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics.

MEDICARE ACCESS AND CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015: EXAMINING IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015: Examining Implementation of Medicare Payment Reforms”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Conway, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

PRIVATIZING THE INTERNET ASSIGNED NUMBER AUTHORITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Privatizing the Internet Assigned Number Authority”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS SYSTEM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Department of the Interior’s Law Enforcement Records System”. Testimony was heard from Harry Humbert, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Safety, Resource Protection, and Emergency Services, Department of the Interior.

EXAMINING FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT IN FLINT, MICHIGAN—PART III

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan—Part III”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Rick Snyder, Governor, State of Michigan.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

RISKY BUSINESS: EFFECTS OF NEW JOINT EMPLOYER STANDARDS FOR SMALL FIRMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Risky Business: Effects of New Joint Employer Standards for Small Firms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NSA FY 2017 BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on NSA and Cybersecurity held a hearing on NSA FY 2017 Budget. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 18, 2016**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining USDA Organization and Program Administration—Part II”, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Monday, March 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, March 21

Senate Chamber

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