

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2351–S2400

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2831–2844, S. Res. 435–438, and S. Con. Res. 36. **Pages S2387–88**

Measures Reported:

S. 2837, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–239)

Report to accompany S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs. (S. Rept. No. 114–240)

Report to accompany S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers. (S. Rept. No. 114–241)

Report to accompany S. 1000, to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program. (S. Rept. No. 114–242)

S. 2844, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–243)

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Measures Passed:

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2016, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”.

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National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 438, designating September 2016 as “National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month”.

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Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 76 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 59), Alexander (for Franken/Heitkamp) Amendment No. 3833 (to Amendment No. 3801), to provide funding for the Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

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Rejected:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 57), Alexander (for Hoen) Amendment No. 3811 (to Amendment No. 3801), to prohibit the use of funds relating to a certain definition. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 20, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 58), Coats Amendment No. 3814 (to Amendment No. 3801), to limit the use of funds made available for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute.

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Alexander Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify provisions relating to Nuclear Regulatory Commission fees.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to call up Murray Amendment No. 3813; and that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2016, Senate vote on or in relation to Murray Amendment No. 3813; that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote; and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to the vote.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to call up Merkley Amendment No. 3812; Reid Amendment No. 3805; and Flake Amendment No. 3820; and that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, and with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the votes, and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S2400**

Messages from the House: **Page S2387**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2385–87**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2400**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—59) **Pages S2362, S2362–63, S2368**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2400.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2837) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; and

An original bill (S. 2844) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and General Lori J. Robinson, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 1167, to modify

the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho, S. 1423, to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, S. 1510, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1699, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 1777, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, S. 2018, to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska, S. 2223, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, S. 2379, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, and S. 2383, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, after receiving testimony from Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Pool, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Major General Martin Whelan, USAF, Director of Future Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters Air Force, and Jennifer L. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, both of the Department of Defense.

ENABLING ADVANCED REACTORS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine enabling advanced reactors, including S. 2795, to modernize the regulation

of nuclear energy, after receiving testimony from Victor M. McCree, Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Christina Back, General Atomics, San Diego, California; Ashley E. Finan, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Boston, Massachusetts; and Maria G. Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute, Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Portman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5017–5043; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 130; and H. Res. 696–700, were introduced. **Pages H1922–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1924–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4698, to enhance aviation by requiring airport security assessments and a security coordination enhancement plan, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–513);

H.R. 3826, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–514); and

H.R. 894, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act (H. Rept. 114–515, Part 1). **Page H1922**

Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 3724, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct, by a yea-and-nay vote of 345 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 163. **Pages H1900–05, H1911–12**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–48 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H1900**

H. Res. 688, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4890) and (H.R. 3724) was agreed to April 19th.

Imposing a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until

the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy: The House passed H.R. 4890, to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 162.

Pages H1905–08, H1908–11

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–49 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Meehan amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–503) that clarifies that the Act shall be carried out using only funds that are appropriated; and

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Sanford amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–503) that requires the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate to consult with the National Taxpayer Advocate while developing the comprehensive customer service strategy. **Pages H1909–10**

H. Res. 688, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4890) and (H.R. 3724) was agreed to April 19th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 25th. **Page H1914**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1908.

Senate Referrals: S. 2012 was held at the desk. S. 1252 was held at the desk. **Page H1908**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H1910–11 and H1911–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on Intelligence Community. Testimony was heard from James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence. This hearing was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 88, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”. H.J. Res. 88 was ordered reported, without amendment.

EPA’S BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM: EMPOWERING CLEANUP AND ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing enti-

led “EPA’s Brownfields Program: Empowering Cleanup and Encouraging Economic Redevelopment”. Testimony was heard from J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC’S OFFICES AND DIVISIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the SEC’s Offices and Divisions”. Testimony was heard from the following Securities and Exchange Commission officials: Thomas J. Butler, Director, Office of Credit Ratings; Mark J. Flannery, Director, Division of Economic and Risk Analysis; Sean McKessy, Chief, Office of the Whistleblower; and Marc Wyatt, Director, Office of Compliance, Inspections, and Examinations.

BARRIERS TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT DELISTING, PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Monday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and vote on or in relation to Murray Amendment No. 3813 at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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