

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3231–S3383

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2993–3016, and S. Res. 479–481. **Pages S3290–91**

Measures Reported:

S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–262)

S. 3000, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–263)

S. 3001, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–264)

Report to accompany S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control. (S. Rept. No. 114–265)

Report to accompany S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration. (S. Rept. No. 114–266)

Report to accompany S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available. (S. Rept. No. 114–267)

Report to accompany S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–268)

Report to accompany S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas. (S. Rept. No. 114–269) **Page S3290**

Measures Passed:

United States Soccer Federation Equal Pay: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 462, urging the United States Soccer Federation to immediately eliminate gender pay inequity and

treat all athletes with the same respect and dignity, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3256–57**

Barry G. Miller Post Office: Senate passed S. 2465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street in Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office.

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Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 North Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”. **Pages S3377–78**

Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 136, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”. **Page S3378**

W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”. **Page S3378**

Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”. **Page S3378**

Harold George Bennett Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2928, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”. **Page S3378**

Daryle Holloway Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Daryle Holloway Post Office Building”. **Page S3378**

Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the “Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office”. **Page S3378**

Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3601, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building”.

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Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”. Page S3378

First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3866, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”. Page S3378

Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office.

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Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the “Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building”. Page S3378

Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. Page S3378

Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1402, to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable, and the bill was then passed. Pages S3378–79

National Foster Care Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 466, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster-care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster-care system, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S3379–80

Mental Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 480, supporting the designation of May 2016 as “Mental Health Month”. Pages S3380–81

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 481, recognizing the significance of May 2016 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Pages S3234–53

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, June 6, 2016, notwithstanding rule XXII, following morning business, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be agreed to; Senate begin consideration of the bill, and Senator Fischer, or her designee, be recognized to offer Amendment No. 4206; provided further, that the time until 5:30 p.m., be equally divided between the managers, or their designees, and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Fischer Amendment No. 4206, with no second-degree amendments in order to the amendment, prior to the vote.

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Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: John Patrick Rice, of Nevada, vice Patricia Atkinson, of Nevada.

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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 S3381

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the 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, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 27, 2016, at 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday, June 3, 2016, at 1 p.m.; that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, June 3, 2016, it next convene at 2 p.m., on Monday, June 6, 2016; and that following Leader remarks, Senate be in a period of morning business until 4 p.m. **Page S3381**

Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon the reporting out of, or discharge of PN1385 (which has been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation), the nomination then be referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period not to exceed 45 calendar days, after which the nomination, if still in committee, be discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S3376**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S3255, S3382–83**

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 88), Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S3255**

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
38 Army nominations in the rank of general.
10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S3382–83**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marguerite Salazar, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Thomas Atkin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Daniel P. Feehan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2020.

Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Page S3382**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—88) **Page S3255**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3381.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SECTORS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the United States livestock and poultry sectors, focusing on marketplace opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Tracy Brunner, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Ramona, Kansas; Ron Truex, Creighton Brothers, LLC, Atwood, Indiana, on behalf of the United Egg Producers; Howard Hill, National Pork Producers Council, Cambridge, Iowa; Joe Goggins, Vermillion Ranch Co., Billings, Montana, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association; and John Zimmerman, National Turkey Federation, Northfield, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill (S. 3000) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; and

An original bill (S. 3001) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

U.S. HEROIN EPIDEMIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine cartels and the United States heroin epidemic, focusing on combating drug violence and the public health crisis, after receiving testimony from Daniel L. Foote, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Kemp L. Chester, Associate Director and Chief of the National Heroin Coordination Group, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Mayor Teresa Jacobs, Orange County, Florida; and Steven Dudley, InSight Crime, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING AMERICA FROM ISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine

protecting America from the threat of ISIS, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; and Justin Siberell, Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State.

LOAN GUARANTY PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's 7(a) loan guaranty program, including S. 2992, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management of the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 5336–5371; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134; and H. Res. 755–762, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4166, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide specific credit risk retention requirements to certain qualifying collateralized loan obligations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–596); and

H.R. 4620, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt certain commercial real estate loans from risk retention requirements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–597).

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

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: Pursuant to H. Res. 751, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30,

2016, with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–56.

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H. Res. 751, relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2577), by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 268, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 267.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017: The House failed to pass H.R. 5055, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, by a yea-and-nay vote of 112 yeas to 305 nays, Roll No. 266. Consideration began Tuesday, May 24th.

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Rejected the Langevin motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 178 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 265.

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H. Res. 743, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5055) was agreed to May 24th.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,

2016—Motion to Go to Conference: The House agreed by voice vote to the Rogers (KY) motion to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, with the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

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The Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: Representatives Rogers (KY), Granger, Cole, Dent, Fortenberry, Rooney (FL), Valadao, Roby, Lowey, DeLauro, Serrano, Bishop (GA), and Wasserman Schultz.

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Appointment of Conferees: The Chair appointed the following conferees to S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States:

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Barton, Whitfield, Shimkus, Latta, McMorris Rodgers, Olson, McKinley, Pompeo, Griffith, Johnson (OH), Flores, Mullin, Pallone, Rush, Capps, Matsui, Castor (FL), Sarbanes, Welch, Ben Ray Lujan (NM), Tonka, and Loebssack.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 3017, 3305, 4501, 4502, 5002, part II of subtitle C of title X, and sec. 10233 of the Senate bill, and secs. 1116 and 5013 of Division A, Division B, and secs. 1031, 1032, 1035–1037, subtitle K of title I, sec. 2013, subtitles F, M, and Q of title II, and title XXV of Division C of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conaway, Thompson (PA), and Peterson.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 2308, 3001, part II of title II, 3017, 3104, 3109, 3201, 3301–3306, 3308–3312, 4006, 4401, 4403, 4405, 4407, 4410, 4412–4414, title V, sec. 6001, subtitle A of title VI, sec. 6202, title VIII, title IX, subtitles A, B, and C of title X, parts I, II, III, and IV of subtitle D of title X, and secs. 10341 and 10345 of the Senate bill, and secs. 1115 and 1116 of Division A, Division B, and Division C of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bishop (UT), Young (AK), Lummis, Denham, Westerman, Grijalva, Huffman, and Dingell.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for consideration of secs. 1014, 1201, 1203, 1301–1304, 1306–1308, 1310, 1311, 2002, 2301, 2401, part III of subtitle A of title III, secs. 3101, 3302, 3307, 3402, 3403, 3501, 3502, 4001, 4002,

4006, 4101, subtitle C of title IV, secs. 4402, 4404, 4406, 4720, 4721, 4727, 4728, and 4737 of the Senate bill, and sec. 1109 and title VII of Division A, and Division D of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Weber (TX), and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX).

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of secs. 1005, 1006, 1010, 1014, 1016–1019, 1022, 3001, 4724, title VII, and sec. 10331 of the Senate bill and secs. 2007, 3116, 3117, and 3141 of Division A, and title IX of Division B, subtitle D of title II of Division C of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hardy, Zeldin, and DeFazio.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, May 27.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gutierrez wherein he resigned from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3287.

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 28 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3282, H3282–83, H3283–84, and H3284. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

NAVY FORCE STRUCTURE AND READINESS: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FLEET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, held a joint hearing entitled “Navy Force Structure and Readiness: Perspectives from the Fleet”. Testimony was heard from Captain Scott F.

Robertson, USN, Commander, USS NORMANDY (CG-60); Captain Randy Stearns, USN, Commodore, Strike Fighter Wing, Atlantic; Captain Gregory McRae, USN, Deputy Commander, Submarine Squadron 6; and Captain Paul Odenthal, USN, Commodore, Naval Construction Group 2.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on S. 1635, the “Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016”. S. 1635 was ordered reported, as amended.

THE ISIS GENOCIDE DECLARATION: WHAT NEXT?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The ISIS Genocide Declaration: What Next?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LONG LINES, SHORT PATIENCE: LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Long Lines, Short Patience: Local Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Christina Callahan, Executive Director, Syracuse Hancock International Airport; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: INFORMATION SYSTEMS REVIEW

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Social Security Administration: Information Systems Review”. Testimony was heard from the following Social Security Administration officials: Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting

Administrator; Robert Klopp, Deputy Commissioner, Systems, and Chief Information Officer; Marti A. Eckert, Associate Commissioner, Information Security, and Chief Information Security Officer; and Gale Stallworth Stone, Deputy Inspector General.

IMPACT OF EPA’S CLEAN POWER PLAN ON STATES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Impact of EPA’s Clean Power Plan on States”. Testimony was heard from E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

THE SHARING ECONOMY: A TAXING EXPERIENCE FOR NEW ENTREPRENEURS, PART II

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Sharing Economy: A Taxing Experience for New Entrepreneurs, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

