

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S4517–S4563**

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3088–3099, and S. Res. 510–512. **Pages S4550–51**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–285) **Page S4550**

**Measures Passed:**

**Army Corps of Engineers to Hire Veterans:** Senate passed H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities. **Page S4560**

**Whistleblower Protection:** Senate passed S. 795, to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4560–61**

**Khobar Towers Terrorist Bombing:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 39, honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were casualties of the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the United States Sector Khobar Towers military housing complex on Dhahran Air Base, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4561**

McConnell (for Nelson) Amendment No. 4864, to amend the preamble. **Pages S4561–62**

**National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, designating the month of June 2016 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2016, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day”. **Page S4562**

**Measures Considered:**

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and

Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4521–35**

**Rejected:**

McConnell (for Johnson) Amendment No. 4859 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4858), to authorize the Attorney General to delay or deny the transfer of firearms and explosives and issuance of Federal firearms and explosives licenses and permits to known or suspected terrorists. (By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 110), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4530, S4535**

**Withdrawn:**

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations for a period of 14 days. **Page S4521, S4530**

**Pending:**

Shelby/Mikulski Amendment No. 4685, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4521**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 4787 (to Amendment No. 4685), to amend section 2709 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that the Government may obtain a specified set of electronic communication transactional records under that section, and to make permanent the authority for individual terrorists to be treated as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. **Page S4521**

McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, McConnell (for Collins) Amendment No. 4858, to authorize the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms and explosives and Federal firearms and explosives licenses and permits to known or suspected terrorists. (By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 109), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4532–35**

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

McConnell Amendment No. 4860 (to Amendment No. 4859), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell (for Johnson) Amendment No. 4859 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4858) was tabled. **Pages S4530–32**

**Conference Reports:**

**Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany 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. **Pages S4535–36**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. **Pages S4535–36**

**Rossiter, Jr., and Martinotti Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 27, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; that there be 30 minutes for debate only on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian R. Martinotti, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; that there be 30 minutes for debate only on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S4560**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Julie Helene Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven Nathan Berk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth Carroll Wingo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

R. David Harden, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Pages S4560, S4562**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Valerie Martinez, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Thomas G. Kotarac, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2017.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Page S4562**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—110) **Page S4535**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4562.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **BANK CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY REGULATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine bank capital and liquidity regulation, focusing on industry perspectives, including S. 927, to provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions, S. 1816, to provide relief to community banks, to promote access to capital for community banks, and H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, after receiving testimony from Rebeca Romero Rainey, Centinel Bank of Taos, Taos, New Mexico, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America;

Wayne A. Abernathy, American Bankers Association, and Greg Baer, The Clearing House Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer Taub, Vermont Law School, South Royalton.

#### **WILDFIRE BUDGETING, RESPONSE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, “Wildfire Budgeting, Response and Forest Management Act of 2016”, after receiving testimony from Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Bryan Rice, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Peter Goldmark, Washington State Department of Natural Resources Commissioner of Public Lands, Olympia; Ken Pimlott, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection State Forester, Sacramento, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association, Missoula, on behalf of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition; Becky Humphries, National Wild Turkey Federation, Edgefield, South Carolina; Peter Nelson, Defenders of Wildlife, Bozeman, Montana; and Eric Nichols, Alcan Forest Products and Evergreen Timber, Ketchikan, Alaska.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2201, to promote international trade, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1605, to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to authorize concurrent compacts for purposes of regional economic integration and cross-border collaborations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 506, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Warsaw, Poland from July 8–9, 2016, and in support of committing NATO to a security posture capable of deterring threats to the Alliance, with amendments;

S. Res. 505, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding compliance enforcement of Russian violations of the Open Skies Treaty;

S. Res. 432, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia;

S. Res. 482, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and to increase pressure on the organization and its members to the fullest extent possible;

S. Res. 503, recognizing June 20, 2016, as “World Refugee Day”;

S. Res. 501, expressing the sense of the Senate on Russian military aggression;

S. Res. 504, recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Fulbright Program;

S. Con. Res. 38, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of United States-Taiwan relations;

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–19);

The Convention on the Law Applicable to Certain Rights in Respect of Securities Held with an Intermediary (the “Convention”), done at The Hague on July 5, 2006, and signed by the United States on that same day (Treaty Doc. 112–6);

Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Dominican Republic (the “Treaty”), signed at Santo Domingo on January 12, 2015 (Treaty Doc. 114–10);

Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic of Chile (Treaty Doc. 113–6);

Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Kazakhstan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on February 20, 2015 (Treaty Doc. 114–11);

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Algiers on April 7, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 114–3);

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on October 1, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114–4); and

The nominations of Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Anne S. Casper, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

#### **NATO**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, focusing on reviewing the agenda and assessing the potential outcomes of the Warsaw summit, after receiving testimony from Derek Chollet, The German Marshall Fund of the United States,

and Ian J. Brzezinski, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, both of Washington, D.C.

#### CABLE AND SATELLITE TELEVISION CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BILLING PRACTICES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine customer service and billing practices in the cable and satellite television industry, after receiving testimony from Tom Karinshak, Comcast Cable, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John Keib, Time Warner Cable Inc., New York, New York; Kathleen Mayo, Charter Communications, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut; Rasesh Patel, AT&T Entertainment Group, El Segundo, California; and Kathleen Schneider, DISH Network L.L.C., Englewood, Colorado.

#### SUPREME COURT KINGDOMWARE DECISION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ramifications

of the Supreme Court *Kingdomware* decision, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; A. John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; LaTonya Barton, Kingdomware Technologies, Inc., Waldorf, Maryland; Michael Phipps, Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs, Reston, Virginia; and Jonathan T. Williams, Piliero Mazza, Washington, D.C.

#### PERSON-CENTERED CARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring person-centered care for individuals with serious illness, including S. 3096, to establish a pilot program promoting an alternative payment model for person-centered care for Medicare beneficiaries with advanced illnesses, after receiving testimony from Atul Gawande, Ariadne Labs, Boston, Massachusetts; Kate M. Lally, Care New England Health System, Providence, Rhode Island; and Amy Berman, The John A. Hartford Foundation, New York, New York.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 5572–5573 were introduced. **Page H4175**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H4175**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, and for other purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 342. **Pages H4174–75**

H. Res. 797, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2577) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 341, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H4173–74**

Pursuant to Sec. 6 of H. Res. 797, upon adoption of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, H. Con. Res. 139 shall be considered as adopted.

**Page H4173**

**Decorum Statement:** As the Chair announced previously in the 114th Congress, the Speaker's policy announced on January 6, 2009, with respect to use of the Chamber will continue in the current Congress. The Chair called particular attention to the aspect of this policy regarding use of certain devices. Because outside coverage of the chamber is limited to floor proceedings and is allowed only by accredited journalists, when the chamber is on static display no audio and video recording or transmitting devices are allowed. The long custom of disallowing even still photography in the chamber is based at least in part on the notion that an image having this setting as its backdrop might be taken to carry the imprimatur of the House. **Page H4175**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4174, H4174–75. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:13 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BIG DATA AND AGRICULTURE: INNOVATION IN THE AIR

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Big Data and Agriculture: Innovation in the Air”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NEXT STEPS IN K–12 EDUCATION: EXAMINING RECENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Next Steps in K–12 Education: Examining Recent Efforts to Implement the Every Student Succeeds Act”. Testimony was heard from John B. King, Jr., Secretary, Department of Education; Stephen L. Pruitt, Commissioner of Education, Kentucky Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### THE NEXT TERRORIST FINANCIERS: STOPPING THEM BEFORE THEY START

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “The Next Terrorist Financiers: Stopping Them Before They Start”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COUNTERING THE VIRTUAL CALIPHATE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Countering the Virtual Caliphate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ORGAN HARVESTING: AN EXAMINATION OF A BRUTAL PRACTICE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint hearing entitled “Organ Harvesting: An Examination of a Brutal Practice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy in the Pacific: The Struggle to Maintain Influence”. Testimony was heard from Matthew J. Matthews, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bu-

reau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE TO FINDINGS OF UNETHICAL AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s Response to Findings of Unethical and Criminal Conduct at the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Steve Guertin, Deputy Director of Policy, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 5032, to allow certain property in the town of Louisa, Virginia, to be used for purposes related to compliance with water quality standards, and for other purposes; H.R. 5430, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2016”; H.R. 5468, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment obligations under Repayment Contracts between the United States and the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District; and a discussion draft of the “Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah; and Representatives Calvert; Brat; and Gohmert; Dionne E. Thompson, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of the Interior; Tom Filer, Town Manager, Louisa, Virginia; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2167, the “Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2015”; H.R. 2333, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas; H.R. 4387, the “Tule Lake National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5114, the “21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act of 2016”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McSally; and Moulton; Michael Reynolds, Associate Director for Workforce and Inclusion, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

### DAMAGING REPERCUSSIONS: DOL'S OVERTIME RULE, SMALL EMPLOYERS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Damaging Repercussions: DOL’s Overtime Rule, Small Employers, and their Employees”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3216, the “VET Act”; H.R. 4150, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment and Retention Act”; H.R. 4764, the “Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016”; H.R. 5047, the “Protecting Veterans’ Educational Choice Act of 2016”; H.R. 5083, the “VA Appeals Modernization Act of 2016”; H.R. 5162, the “Vet Connect Act of 2016”; H.R. 5166, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 5392, the “No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act”; H.R. 5407, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to prioritize the provision of services to homeless veterans with dependent children in carrying out homeless veterans reintegration programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5416, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand burial benefits for veterans who die while receiving hospital care or medical services under the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5420, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to acquire, operate,

and maintain the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marne-la-Coquette, France; and H.R. 5428, the “Military Residency Choice Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lamborn; Titus; Ruiz; O’Rourke; DeSantis; Yoho; Jody B. Hice of Georgia; Newhouse; and Young of Iowa; Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 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, June 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, June 24

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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