

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4591–S4681

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3102–3106, and S. Res. 513–514. **Page S4641**

Measures Reported:

S. 2976, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–287)

Report to accompany S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts. (S. Rept. No. 114–288)

S. 2340, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–289)

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

S. Res. 503, recognizing June 20, 2016, as "World Refugee Day".

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

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. Con. Res. 38, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of United States-Taiwan relations. **Page S4638**

Measures Passed:

Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act: Senate passed H.R. 3766, to direct the Presi-

dent to establish guidelines for covered United States foreign assistance programs, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4680**

Rounds (for Rubio/Cardin) Amendment No. 4927, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4680**

Rounds (for Rubio/Cardin) Amendment No. 4928, to amend the title. **Page S4680**

Conference Reports:

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued 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 S4593–S4604, S4605–35**

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 112), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S4598**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S4598**

House Messages:

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the House amendment to S. 2328, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Pages S4680–81**

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

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. No. 114–12).

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. **Page S4680**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—112) **Page S4598**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4681.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,677 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DOD STRATEGIC INTEGRATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving strategic integration at the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from James R. Locher III, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Joint Special Operations University, De-

partment of Defense; General Stanley McChrystal, USA (Ret.), McChrystal Group, Alexandria, Virginia; and Amy C. Edmondson, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts.

THE INTERNET OF THINGS: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine how the Internet of Things (IoT) can bring United States transportation and infrastructure into the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Carlos Monje, Jr., Acting Under Secretary for Policy, and Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Seleta Reynolds, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles, California; Jordan Kass, C. H. Robinson, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Transportation Intermediaries Association; Doug Davis, Intel Corporation, Chandler, Arizona; and Robert Edelstein, AECOM, Pompano Beach, Florida.

SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service's efforts to implement amendments to land use plans and specific management plans regarding sage grouse conservation, and those agencies' coordination activities with affected states, after receiving testimony from Jim Lyons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Robert Harper, Director, Water, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kathleen Clarke, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, Salt Lake City; Catherine Macdonald, The Nature Conservancy, Portland, Oregon; Brenda Richards, Public Lands Council, Murphy, Idaho; and Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE PART B DRUG DEMONSTRATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Medicare Part B drug demonstration, after receiving testimony from Patrick Conway, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

GLOBAL EFFORTS TO DEFEAT ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global efforts to defeat ISIS, after receiving testimony from Brett H. McGurk, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Andrew Mayock, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine small business health care, focusing on costs and options, after receiving testimony from Tom Glause, Wyoming Insurance Commissioner, Cheyenne; Warren S. Hudak, Jr., Hudak and Company, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Thomas M. Harte, Landmark Benefits, Hampstead, New Hampshire, on behalf of the National Association of Health Underwriters; and Sarah Lueck, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Jus-

tice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, after receiving testimony from Jill Steinberg, National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, Department of Justice; and Gretta L. Goodwin, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the consequences of agency efforts to deemphasize radical Islam in combating terrorism, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. McCarthy, former Chief Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Department of Justice, and Michael German, New York University Law School Brennan Center for Justice, both of New York, New York; Philip B. Haney, former Customs and Border Protection Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Marietta, Georgia; M. Zuhdi Jasser, American Islamic Forum for Democracy, Phoenix, Arizona; Farhana Y. Khera, Muslim Advocates, Oakland, California; J. Richard Cohen, Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, Alabama; and Chris Gaubatz, Understanding the Threat, Ferrum, Virginia.

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: 24 public bills, H.R. 5587–5610, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2959, to prevent States from counting certain expenditures as State spending to reduce TANF work requirements, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–644);

H.R. 2966, to amend the purposes of TANF to include reducing poverty by increasing employment entry, retention, and advancement, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–645);

H.R. 2990, to provide for the conduct of demonstration projects to test the effectiveness of subsidized employment for TANF recipients, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–646);

H.R. 4582, to exclude striped bass from the anadromous fish doubling requirement in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–647); and

H.R. 2952, to provide payments to States for increasing the employment, job retention, and earnings of former TANF recipients, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–648).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4183**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 4183.

Senate Referrals: S. 795 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Armed Services. S. Con. Res. 39 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H4183**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 5 p.m. and adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017”, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 3084, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, S. 827, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications, S. 2770, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of a covered service to provide call location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user of such service to an investigative or law enforcement officer in an emergency situation involving risk of death or serious physical injury or in order to respond to the user’s call for emergency services, S. 2997, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical telecommunications networks during times of emergency, S. 1717, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed

of fire-retardant materials, S. 3088, to provide a deadline for compliance with an alternate safety compliance program, S. 3087, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, S. 3059, to reauthorize and amend the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2219, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, S. 3086, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, an original bill entitled, “Access for Sportfishing Act of 2016”, and the nominations of Peggy E. Gustafson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, and Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement and compliance programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on an update from the Secretary of Education on proposed regulations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine preparing for and protecting the nation from Zika, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2796, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians, S. 2959, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, and S. 3013, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting older Americans from financial exploitation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the consequences of dwindling start-up activity, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 244, to require an independent comprehensive review of the process by which the Department of Veterans Affairs assesses cognitive impairments that result from traumatic brain injury for purposes of awarding disability compensation, S. 603, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, S. 2210, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2279, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to

create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, S. 2316, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and to improve oversight of fiduciaries, S. 2791, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2958, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3021, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to pursue independent study programs at certain educational institutions that are not institutions of higher learning, S. 3023, to provide for the reconsideration of claims for disability compensation for veterans who were the subjects of experiments by the Department of Defense during World War II that were conducted to assess the effects of mustard gas or lewisite on people, S. 3032, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2016, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 3035, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to increase the use of medical scribes to maximize the efficiency of physicians at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans

Affairs, S. 3055, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, S. 3076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish caskets and urns for burial in cemeteries of States and tribal organizations of veterans without next of kin or sufficient resources to provide for caskets or urns, S. 3081, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain employees of members of Congress with access to case-tracking information of the Department of Veterans Affairs, an original bill to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the uniformed services with respect to their employment and re-employment rights, to improve the enforcement of such employment and reemployment rights, an original bill to expand eligibility for readjustment counseling to certain members of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces, an original bill to authorize payment by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the costs associated with service by medical residents and interns at facilities operated by Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expand medical residencies and internships at such facilities, and an original bill to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to acquire, operate, and maintain the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marnes-la-Coquette, France, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the House amendment to S. 2328, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 1

House Chamber

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

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