

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 775–800, S.J. Res. 39, and S. Res. 104–107. **Page S2152**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 114th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 115–17)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Legislative Activities of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–18)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–19)

Special Report entitled “Review of Legislative Activity During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–20)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Fourteenth Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–22)

S. 110, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region. (S. Rept. No. 115–14)

S. 129, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act. (S. Rept. No. 115–15)

S. 168, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation. (S. Rept. No. 115–16)

S. 141, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–21)

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Measures Passed:

Savings Arrangements Established by Qualified State Political Subdivisions for Non-Governmental Employees Rule: By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate passed H.J. Res. 67, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees. **Pages S2121–22**

Health and Human Services Relating to Compliance with Title X Requirements Rule: By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 101), Senate passed H.J. Res. 43, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to compliance with title X requirements by project recipients in selecting subrecipients. **Pages S2122–38**

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

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 100), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship: Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, congratulating the rifle team of West Virginia University on winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship. **Page S2157**

Delta Queen—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Monday, April 3, 2017, Senate begin consideration of S. 89, 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, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2138**

Duke Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the vote on passage of S. 89, 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, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, with concurrence of the Democratic Leader, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S2138**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S2122, S2138**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2157.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Thune and Rounds, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 35, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 55/H.R. 46, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 97, to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science;

S. 99, to require the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the President James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System;

S. 117, to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”, with an amendment;

S. 131, to provide for the exchange of certain National Forest System land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 167, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, with an amendment;

S. 189, to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 190, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems;

S. 199, to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir;

S. 213, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area;

S. 214, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project;

S. 215, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska;

S. 216, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets;

S. 217, to amend the Denali National Park Improvement Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the natural gas pipeline authorized in the Denali National Park and Preserve;

S. 225/H.R. 699, bills 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;

S. 226, to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-emitting diodes providing illumination or ceiling fans using direct current motors from energy conservation standards for external power supplies;

S. 239, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities;

S. 267, to provide for the correction of a survey of certain land in the State of Alaska;

S. 280/H.R. 618, bills to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado;

S. 285/H.R. 689, bills to ensure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado;

S. 286/H.R. 698, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado;

S. 287, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument;

S. 289/H.R. 688, bills to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado;

S. 331, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia;

S. 346, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment;

S. 363, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail;

S. 385, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry;

S. 392, to establish the 400 years of African-American History Commission;

S. 432, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico;

S. 466, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest;

S. 490, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric

project involving the Gibson Dam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 491, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 501, 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. 502, to modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota;

S. 508, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon;

S. 513, to designate the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area in the State of Oregon;

S. 566, to withdraw certain land in Okanogan County, Washington, to protect the land;

S. 590, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho;

S. 617, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 644, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 703, to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project;

S. 710, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Jennings Randolph Dam, with an amendment;

S. 713, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 714, to amend Public Law 103-434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin;

S. 723, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, with an amendment;

S. 724, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize authorizations for necessary hydropower approvals;

S. 729, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site;

S. 730, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects;

S. 733, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting;

S. 734, to extend a project of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission involving the Cannonsville Dam, with an amendment;

H.R. 88, to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 267, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia;

H.R. 381, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point";

H.R. 494, to expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, with an amendment;

H.R. 538, to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 558, to adjust the boundary of the Kenesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 560, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; and

H.R. 863, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Gardner (Chair), Risch, Flake, Daines, Alexander, Hoeven, Cassidy, Portman, Strange, Manchin, Wyden, Sanders, Franken, Heinrich, King, Duckworth, and Cortez Masto.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Daines (Chair), Barrasso, Lee, Gardner, Alexander, Hoeven, Portman, Hirono, Sanders, Stabenow, Heinrich, King, and Duckworth.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining: Senators Lee (Chair), Barrasso, Risch, Flake, Daines,

Gardner, Alexander, Hoeven, Cassidy, Strange, Wyden, Stabenow, Franken, Manchin, Heinrich, Hirono, and Cortez Masto.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Flake (Chair), Barrasso, Risch, Lee, Cassidy, Portman, Strange, King, Wyden, Sanders, Franken, Manchin, and Duckworth.

Senators Murkowski and Cantwell are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

ALASKAN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential for infrastructure improvements to create jobs and reduce the cost of living through all-of-the-above energy and mineral production in Alaska, after receiving testimony from Steven Masterman, Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys State Geologist and Director, Fairbanks; Deputy Mayor Robert Potrzuski, Sitka, Alaska; Joy Baker, Port of Nome, Nome, Alaska; Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, and Chris Rose, Renewable Energy Alaska Project, both of Anchorage; and Della Trumble, King Cove Village Corporation, King Cove, Alaska.

U.S. INTERESTS, VALUES, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States interests, values, and the American people, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State, and Stephen J. Hadley, former U.S. National Security Advisor, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

RUSSIAN ACTIVE MEASURES AND INFLUENCE CAMPAIGNS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine disinformation, focusing on a primer in Russian active measures and influence campaigns, after receiving testimony from Roy Godson, Georgetown University; Eugene Rumer, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Russia and Eurasia Program; Clint Watts, Foreign Policy Research Institute Program on National Security; Kevin Mandia, FireEye, Inc.; General Keith Alexander (Ret.), former Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, IronNet Cybersecurity; and Thomas Rid, King's College London Department of War Studies.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 19, 1800–1847; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 234–238, were introduced. **Pages H2596–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2601**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 732, to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–72); and

H. Res. 186, resolution of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of Representatives the tax returns and other specified financial information of President Donald J. Trump; adversely (H. Rept. 115–73). **Page H2596**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2563**

EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 1431, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 208. **Pages H2564–76**

Rejected the Foster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 207.

Pages H2573–75

H. Res. 233, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1431) was agreed to yesterday, March 29th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, April 3rd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H2577**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2585.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2574–75, H2575–76. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled “The Current State of U.S. Transportation Command”. Testimony was heard from General Darren W. McDew, Commander, Transportation Command, U.S. Air Force.

CONSEQUENCES AND CONTEXT FOR RUSSIA’S VIOLATIONS OF THE INF TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade of the Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Consequences and Context for Russia’s Violations of the INF Treaty”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.R. 1689, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SBA’S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS: RESOURCES TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “SBA’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs: Resources to Assist Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D355)

S. 305, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Signed on March 28, 2017. (Public Law 115–15)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
APRIL 3, 2017**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be

an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, April 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 89, Delta Queen, and vote on passage of the bill at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of S. 89, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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