

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5825–S5869

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1829–1849, and S. Res. 263–265. **Page S5860**

Measures Reported:

S. 396, to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes. (S. Rept. No. 115–160)

Report to accompany S. 1393, to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses. (S. Rept. No. 115–161)

H.R. 390, To provide emergency relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 168, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 1848, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking.

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Measures Passed:

Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act: Senate passed H.R. 3110, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council. **Page S5867**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, designating September 22, 2017, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Pages S5867–68**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the passage of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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, as amended; that McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 545, to strike the section relating to the treatment of storm water collection systems as utility systems, be considered and adopted. **Page S5867**

Emanuel Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of William J. Emanuel, of California, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S5835–42**

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

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5841–42**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; and that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S5868**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States. **Pages S5825–35**

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 200), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5831**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5856–57**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5867**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—202) **Pages S5831, S5835, S5842**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5868.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen Censky, of Missouri, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Thune, and Ted McKinney, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Donnelly, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RECENT NAVY INCIDENTS AT SEA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent Navy incidents at sea, after receiving testimony from Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, and Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, both of the Department of Defense; and John H. Pendleton, Director, Defense Force Structure and Readiness Issues, Government Accountability Office.

STOP ENABLING SEX TRAFFICKERS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1693, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking, after receiving testimony from California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, Sacramento; Eric Goldman, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California; Yiota G. Souras, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; and Abigail Slater, Internet Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Glick, of Virginia, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and David S. Jonas, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department

of Energy, and Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of the Interior.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the vegetation management requirements for electricity assets located on Federal lands, including Section 2310 of S. 1460, to provide for the modernization of the energy and natural resources policies of the United States, and H.R. 1873, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to enhance the reliability of the electricity grid and reduce the threat of wildfires to and from electric transmission and distribution facilities on Federal lands by facilitating vegetation management on such lands, after receiving testimony from Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture; John Ruhs, Acting Deputy Director for Operation, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark C. Hayden, Missoula Electric Cooperative, Missoula, Montana; Scott Miller, The Wilderness Society, Denver, Colorado; and Andrew Rable, Arizona Public Service Company, Phoenix, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

BUSINESS TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine business tax reform, after receiving testimony from Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, Donald B. Marron, Urban Institute and Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and Jeffrey D. DeBoer, The Real Estate Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.; and Troy K. Lewis, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Provo, Utah.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 390, to provide emergency relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 168, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill entitled, "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017"; and

The nominations of Barbara Lee, of California, and Christopher Smith, of New Jersey, both to be a Representative to the Seventy-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Kathleen Troia McFarland, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Stephen B. King, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, all of the Department of State, and Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the African Development Fund, and United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jon M.

Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, who was introduced by Senators Manchin and Lee, and A. Wess Mitchell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (European and Eurasian Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, who was introduced by Senator Rubio, and Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, and Daniel M. Gade, of North Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Isakson, both to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emer-

gency Management, to hold hearings to examine end of the year spending, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Annemarie Carney Axon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Michael Lawrence Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and William M. Ray II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine disaster preparedness and response, focusing on the special needs of older Americans, 9 a.m., SD-562.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, September 21

House Chamber

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



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