

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S113–S142

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2285–2292, and S. Res. 371. **Page S138**

Measures Reported:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–199) **Page S138**

Measures Passed:

Universal Service Fund Filing Requirements: Senate passed S. 875, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on filing requirements under the Universal Service Fund programs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S141–42**

Brown Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S124–42**

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

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 6), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S124**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Thursday, January 11, 2018, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Michael Lawrence Brown, with no intervening action or debate; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District

Judge for the Western District of Texas, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Walter David Counts III, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S127**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 11, 2018. **Page S142**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 5), Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. **Pages S124, S142**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Holly W. Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S142**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—6) **Page S124**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S142.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Cotton (Chair), Inhofe, Wicker, Tillis, Sullivan, Cruz, Sasse, King, McCaskill, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Warren, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity: Senators Rounds (Chair), Fischer, Perdue, Graham, Sasse, Nelson, McCaskill, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Ernst (Chair), Wicker, Fischer, Perdue, Cruz, Heinrich, Nelson, Shaheen, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Tillis (Chair), Ernst, Graham, Sasse, Gillibrand, McCaskill, and Warren.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Inhofe (Chair), Rounds, Ernst, Perdue, Scott, Kaine, Shaheen, and Hirono.

Subcommittee on SeaPower: Senators Wicker (Chair), Cotton, Rounds, Tillis, Sullivan, Scott, Hirono, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Kaine, and King.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Fischer (Chair), Inhofe, Cotton, Sullivan, Cruz, Graham, Donnelly, Heinrich, Warren, and Peters.

Senators McCain and Reed are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's water infrastructure needs and challenges, after receiving testimony from Senator Cassidy; Nicole T. Carter, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Scott Robinson, Port of Muskogee, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; Julie A. Ufner, National Association of Counties, and Steve Cochran, Restore the Mississippi River Delta, both of Washington, D.C.; and William D. Friedman, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Barry W. Ashe, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, who were introduced by Senator Cassidy, Howard C. Nielson, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and James R. Sweeney II, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, who was introduced by Senators Donnelly and Young, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4750–4765; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 683 were introduced. **Pages H131–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H132–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3548, to make certain improvements to the security of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–505, Part 1);

H.R. 2504, to ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms (H. Rept. 115–506, Part 1);

S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of

Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands (H. Rept. 115–507);

H.R. 453, to deem the Step 2 compliance date for standards of performance for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces to be May 15, 2023 (H. Rept. 115–508); and

H.R. 1917, to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with such rule (H. Rept. 115–509).

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