

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1529–S1615

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2519–2531, S.J. Res. 55, and S. Res. 426–429. **Pages S1577–78**

Measures Passed:

Removing Outdated Restrictions to Allow for Job Growth Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1177, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release on behalf of the United States the condition that certain lands conveyed to the City of Old Town, Maine, be used for a municipal airport, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1615**

Measures Considered:

Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1529–65**
Pending:

McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1529–65**

Crapo Amendment No. 2152 (to Amendment No. 2151), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1529–65**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 8, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018. **Page S1565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151 (listed above). **Page S1565**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, March 12,

2018; that that filing deadlines with respect to the cloture motions filed on Thursday, March 8, 2018 be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. for first-degree amendments, and at 5:30 p.m. for second-degree amendments; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Thursday, March 8, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 12, 2018. **Page S1615**

McAleenan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S1565–74**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections. **Page S1565**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1565**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S1615**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:35 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1615.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United States European Command and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Department of Defense.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine domestic violence and child abuse in the military, after receiving testimony from Stephanie Barna, Senior Policy Advisor, Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness; Casey T. Taft, Principal Investigator, National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jacquelyn C. Campbell, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing; Kenneth A. Dodge, Duke University; Iris Vega, Doorways for Women and Families; Adrian Perry; and Merci McKinley.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 79, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 186, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review, with an amendment;

S. 1059, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado;

S. 1160, to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport

in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area;

S. 1181, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1260 and H.R. 2615, bills to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1335 and H.R. 2888, bills to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri;

S. 1336, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives;

S. 1337, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to make certain strategic energy infrastructure projects eligible for certain loan guarantees, with an amendment;

S. 1446 and H.R. 1135, bills to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program;

S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out demonstration projects relating to advanced nuclear reactor technologies to support domestic energy needs, with an amendment;

S. 1563, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts;

S. 1602, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area;

S. 1692, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs;

S. 1799, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential;

H.R. 1109, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1981, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas;

S. 2213 and H.R. 4300, bills to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display

to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II;

S. 2325, to incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 589 and S. 2503, bills to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs;

H.R. 648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskadee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir;

H.R. 1397, to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land;

H.R. 1404, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona; and

H.R. 1500, to redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as "Robert Emmet Park".

FAIR AGRICULTURAL REPORTING METHOD ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 2421, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide an exemption from certain notice requirements and penalties for releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms, after receiving testimony from Mark Kuhn, Floyd County Iowa Board of Supervisors, Charles City; Todd Mortenson, Mortenson Ranch, Hayes, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Bill Satterfield, Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc., Georgetown, Delaware.

OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opioid crisis, focusing on leadership and innovation in the states, after receiving testimony from Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Annapolis; and Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Salem.

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

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5212–5236; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 112–113; and H. Res. 768 were introduced. **Pages H1500–01**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1502–03**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3221, to provide exemptions under the Truth in Lending Act and the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to encourage access to affordable mortgages, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–590); and

H.R. 3864, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–591). **Page H1500**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Tony Perkins, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Greenwell Springs, LA.

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Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act: The House passed H.R. 1119, to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy, by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 101. **Pages H1480–89**

Rejected the Kildee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 100.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1481**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations for existing electric utility steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy." **Page H1489**

H. Res. 762, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1119) and (H.R. 1917) was agreed to yesterday, March 7th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, March 9th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourns to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 13th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1495**

Senate Referrals: S. 97 was held at the desk. S. 931 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. S. 2040 was held at the desk. **Page H1499**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1498–99.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1488 and H1488–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMAND POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled "Mobility and Transportation Command Posture". Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Upper Half Mark H. Buzby, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and General Darren

W. McDew, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY— PRESERVING THE PROMISE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "Arlington National Cemetery—Preserving the Promise". Testimony was heard from Karen Durham-Aguilera, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, Department of the Army; Katharine Kelley, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE EFFORTS TO SEASONAL INFLUENZA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Examining U.S. Public Health Preparedness for and Response Efforts to Seasonal Influenza". Testimony was heard from Rick A. Bright, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Director, Biomedical Advances Research and Development Authority, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and Anne Schuchat, Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, March 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 2155, Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151, at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is at 4:30 p.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments is at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Friday, March 9

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10:30 a.m.

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