

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3731–S3848

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1502–1521, and S. Res. 192–193. **Pages S3775–76**

Measures Reported:

S. 710, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with amendments. **Page S3775**

Measures Passed:

Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3844**

McConnell (for Toomey) Amendment No. 1782, to change the effective date. **Page S3844**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3734–58

Adopted:

By 61 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 202), Portman Amendment No. 1522 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide additional amounts for procurement and for research, development, test, and evaluation for Stryker Lethality Upgrades, and to provide an offset.

Pages S3734, S3737–38

Reed (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1540 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to brief and submit a report to Congress on the administration and oversight by the Department of Veterans Affairs of con-

tracts for the design and construction of major medical facility projects. **Pages S3734, S3738**

By 48 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 204), Tillis Amendment No. 1506 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for the stationing of C-130 H aircraft avionics previously modified by the Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) in support of daily training and contingency requirements for Airborne and Special Operations Forces. **Pages S3734, S3754–55**

McCain (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1618 (to Amendment No. 1463), of a perfecting nature.

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McCain Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the Department of Defense from entering into contracts to facilitate payments for honoring members of the Armed Forces at sporting events. **Pages S3755–56**

McCain (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1551 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a study and report on the changes to the Joint Travel Regulations related to flat rate per diem for long term temporary duty travel that took effect on November 1, 2014.

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McCain (for Warner) Amendment No. 1571 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress on diversity among members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S3755–56**

McCain (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 1484 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on Air National Guard contributions to the RQ-4 Global Hawk mission. **Pages S3755–56**

McCain (for Heller) Amendment No. 1511 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional elements in the report on the plan on the privatization of the defense commissary system. **Pages S3755–56**

Rejected:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 203), Reed (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1494 (to Amendment No. 1463), to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S3734, S3753–54**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3734**

McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels. **Page S3734**

Reed Amendment No. 1521 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the availability of amounts authorized to be appropriated for overseas contingency operations pending relief from the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011. **Pages S3734, S3744–46**

Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security. **Page S3734**

Vitter Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units. **Pages S3738–39**

Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil. **Pages S3740–53**

Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to increase civil penalties for violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. **Page S3757**

McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government. **Pages S3756–57, S3758**

Reed (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations. **Page S3757**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, June 8, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S3844**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Measures Referred: **Page S3775**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S3775**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3781–S3844**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3844**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S3844**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—204) **Pages S3738, S3754, S3755**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3844.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank of the United States, including S. 819, to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Fred P. Hochberg, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine security assistance in Africa, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Puneet Talwar, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, both of the Department of State; Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, African Affairs; and Lauren Ploch Blanchard, Specialist in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

FEDERAL REGULATORY PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine practical solutions to improve the Federal regulatory process, after receiving testimony from Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Greenstone, University of Chicago Energy Policy Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Dale A. Drozd, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, and Ann Donnelly, both to be a United States District Judge

for the Eastern District of New York, John W. Huber, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years, Eileen Maura Decker, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years, and Eric Steven Miller, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SUBSIDY RULE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the process that led to the Affordable Care Act subsidy rule, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Michael F. Cannon, Cato Institute, Elizabeth B. Wydra, Constitutional Accountability Center, and Robert N. Weiner, Arnold and Porter LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Andy S. Grewal, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

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: 40 public bills, H.R. 45 092684; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. U; and H. Res. 8 09302 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H3916–17

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center” (H. Rept. 114–137); and

H.R. 2394, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–138). **Page H3912**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House continued consideration of 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. Consideration is expected to resume Tuesday, June 9. **Pages H3882–H3903**

Agreed to:

Norton amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the 5th or 14th Amendment to the Constitution or title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; **Pages H3883–84**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Federal Transit Administration’s Rapid Growth Area Transit Program; **Page H3888**

Gallego amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to redesign the Phoenix Metroplex regional airspace; **Page H3891**

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out section 210 of this Act with respect to the Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, CA; **Page H3893**

Walberg amendment that was debated on June 3rd that strikes section 102 from the bill which allows the Secretary or his designee to engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider

proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 299); and **Pages H3897–98**

Stivers amendment that was debated on June 3rd that prohibits the use of funds for the Private Enforcement Initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program under section 561(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 307). **Pages H3902–03**

Rejected:

Norton amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to permit air transportation service between midnight and 6 a.m. at Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA); **Pages H3885–86**

McClintock amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to zero out the funding for Payments to Air Carriers and apply the savings of \$155,000,000 to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 298); **Page H3897**

Cartwright amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to strike section 134 of the bill, which prohibits the use of funds to develop, issue, or implement any regulation that increases levels of minimum financial responsibility for transporting passengers or property as in effect on January 1, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 301); **Pages H3898–99**

Garrett amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration by \$16,930,000 (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 302); **Page H3899**

Brooks (AL) amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to strike the paragraph providing funding for Operating Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 303); **Pages H3899–H3900**

Brooks (AL) amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to strike the paragraph providing funding for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 304); **Pages H3900–01**

Capps amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to increase funding in the Pipeline Safety Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund by \$27,604,000 (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 305); **Page H3901**

Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to administer, implement, or enforce section 193 or section 414 of this Act (by a recorded vote

of 176 ayes to 247 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 306); and **Pages H3888–91, H3901–02**

Esty amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration, by \$3,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 308. Agreed by unanimous consent that the earlier roll call vote taken on the Esty amendment be vacated). **Pages H3898, H3901, H3903**

Withdrawn:

Polis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have evaluated ridership on transit by ridership demand; and **Pages H3887–88**

Blumenauer amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the amount for necessary expenses for the “Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses” by \$1. **Pages H3895–96**

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2015) that seeks to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1 percent; **Pages H3882–83**

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing”, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Federal Register on July 19, 2013; **Pages H3884–85**

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High-Hazard Flammable Trains”; **Pages H3886–87**

Posey amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to take any actions with respect to the financing of passenger rail projects along Florida’s East Coast; **Page H3891**

Sessions amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to support Amtrak’s route with the highest loss, measured by contributions/(Loss) per Rider; **Pages H3892–93**

Sessions amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to support any Amtrak route whose costs exceed 2 times its revenues; **Pages H3893–94**

Schiff amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enforce section 47524 of title 49, with regard to noise or access restriction of the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, CA; **Pages H3894–95**

Posey amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to authorize exempt facility bonds to finance passenger rail projects that cannot attain the speed of 150 mph; and **Page H3895**

Posey amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to make a loan in an amount that exceeds \$600,000,000 under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act. **Page H3896**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to on June 2nd.

Passing of Joseph Robinette “Beau” Biden, III: The House agreed to H. Res. 299, on the passing of Joseph Robinette “Beau” Biden, III. **Page H3904**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 8 and that the order of the House of January 6, 2015 regarding Morning Hour debate does not apply on that day. **Page H3904**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3896.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3897, H3897–98, H3898–99, H3899, H3900, H3900–01, H3901, H3902, H3902–03 and H3903. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 2017, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft on Accountability and Department of Energy Perspectives on Title IV: Energy Efficiency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA REGULATORY OVERREACH: IMPACTS ON AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “EPA Regulatory

Overreach: Impacts on American Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SIZING UP SMALL BUSINESS: SBA’S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Sizing Up Small Business: SBA’s Failure to Implement Congressional Direction”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2596, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016” and considered Member access requests. This markup was closed. The Intelligence Authorization Act was ordered reported, as amended. Member access was granted to the House for the classified schedules of authorizations and the classified annexes accompanying H.R. 2596.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D634)

H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes. Signed on June 2, 2015. (Public Law 114–23)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, June 8

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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