

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7845–S7867

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2258–2261, and S. Res. 310–311. **Page S7860**

Measures Passed:

Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1004, to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7866**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7847–52, S7853**

Adopted:

Tester (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 2772 (to Amendment No. 2763), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits relating to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S7853**

Kirk (for Heller/Hirono) Amendment No. 2766 (to Amendment No. 2763), to prohibit the use of funds to transfer amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other account in the Treasury of the United States. **Page S7853**

Pending:

Kirk/Tester Amendment No. 2763, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7847**

Kirk Amendment No. 2764 (to Amendment No. 2763), to clarify the term “congressional defense committees.” **Page S7847**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided

in the usual form; and that at 11 a.m., Senate begin consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1356, to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions, with all the provisions under the previous order of Thursday, November 5, 2015 remaining in effect. **Pages S7866–67**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 83 yeas (Vote No. EX. 300), Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. **Pages S7852–53**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Vik Edwin Stoll, of Missouri, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Robert Annan Riley III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on June 24, 2015. **Page S7867**

Messages from the House: **Page S7860**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7860–62**

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Additional Statements: **Page S7860**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7862–66**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—300) **Page S7853**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7866–67.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 92.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine 30 years of Goldwater-Nichols reform, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2184, to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, H.R. 515, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, an original resolution calling upon the President to condemn the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and to urge the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes, the nominations of Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the

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Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the “proposed Protocol”), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114–01), 9:45 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the campaign against ISIS in Syria, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 10 through November 13,
2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2029, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

At 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1356, National Defense Authorization Act, with a vote on a motion to concur in the House message at approximately 11:20 a.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: November 10, to hold hearings to examine 30 years of Goldwater-Nichols reform, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on the Budget: November 12, to hold hearings to examine spending on unauthorized programs, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 10, business meeting to consider S. 2184, to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, H.R. 515, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, an original resolution calling upon the President to condemn the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and to urge the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in

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House Committees

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, November 16

Senate Chamber

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At 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1356, National Defense Authorization Act, with a vote on a motion to concur in the House message at approximately 11:20 a.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 92.



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