

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1243–S1297

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2622–2642, and S. Res. 385–390. **Pages S1277–78**

Measures Passed:

SAFE PIPES Act: Senate passed S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1292**

McConnell (for Fischer) Amendment No. 3427, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1296**

World Lymphedema Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, designating March 6, 2016, as the first annual “World Lymphedema Day”. **Page S1296**

World Wildlife Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, designating March 3, 2016 as “World Wildlife Day”. **Page S1296**

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1245–73**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 31), Manchin Amendment No. 3420 (to Amendment No. 3378), to strengthen consumer education about the risks of opioid abuse and addiction. **Page S1263**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1245**

Grassley (for Donnelly/Capito) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide follow-up services to individuals who have received opioid overdose reversal drugs. **Page S1245**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Grassley Amendment No. 3378 (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 3, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016. **Page S1273**

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 Grassley Amendment No. 3378. **Page S1273**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Grassley Amendment No. 3378, and to the bill, be at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2016. **Page S1273**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S1273**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Louise Castaneda, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of one year.

Roberto R. Herencia, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2018.

Christopher James Brummer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 19, 2016.

Christopher James Brummer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2021.

Brian D. Quintenz, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2020.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S1296**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2015.

Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on September 10, 2015.

Barbara Lee, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on September 10, 2015.

Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on September 10, 2015.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—31)	Page S1263

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1296.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018 for the Veterans Health Administration and Veterans Benefits Administration, after receiving testimony from David J. Shulkin, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and Danny G. I. Pummill, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

REGULATORY REFORMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reforms to improve equity market structure, after receiving testimony from Stephen Luparello, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Richard G. Ketchum, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2555, to provide opportunities for broadband investment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Thomas F. Scott Darling, III, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of

Transportation, Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine free trade agreement implementation, focusing on lessons from the past, after receiving testimony from Sean P. Murphy, Qualcomm Incorporated, San Diego, California; Steven Tepp, Sentinel Worldwide, Vienna, Virginia; and Glenn Prickett, The Nature Conservancy, and Jim Mulhern, National Milk Producers Federation, both of Arlington, Virginia.

LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the path forward in Libya, after receiving testimony from Frederic Wehrey, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Middle East Program, and Claudia Gazzini, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.

DHS CANINE PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the dogs of the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on how canine programs contribute to homeland security, after receiving testimony from Kim-

berly Hutchinson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Training and Development, and Doug Timberlake, Transportation Security Inspector, both of the Transportation Security Administration, and Damian Montes, Director, Canine Training Program, Office of Training and Development, Patrick Dowling, Officer/Instructor, and Jennifer Jones, Agriculture Specialist, each of Customs and Border Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Cynthia M. Otto, University of Pennsylvania Penn Vet Working Dog Center, Philadelphia.

FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of Federal fisheries management on small businesses, including H.R. 3094, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to transfer to States the authority to manage red snapper fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico, after receiving testimony from Representative Garret Graves; Pamela W. Anderson, Capt. Anderson's Marina, Panama City Beach, Florida; Hughes Andry, Sportco Marketing, Richmond, Texas; Brad Gentner, Gentner Consulting Group, Tucson, Arizona; James Hayward, XI Northeast Fishery Sector, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Joshua B. Wiersma, Environmental Defense Fund, Boston, Massachusetts.

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: 38 public bills, H.R. 4677–4714; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 85; H. Con. Res. 123; and H. Res. 636–637 were introduced. **Pages H1142–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1145–46**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by recorded vote of 217 ayes to 154 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 110. **Pages H1134–35**

Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 4557, 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 109. **Pages H1121–28, H1129–34**

H. Res. 635, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4557) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 107, after

the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 106.

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Suspension-Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 1st:

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James “Maggie” Megellas Post Office: S. 1826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James “Maggie” Megellas Post Office, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 108.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 7th. **Page H1135**

Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations: Representatives Brady (TX), Reichert, and Nunes. **Page H1141**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1127–28, H1128, H1129, H1133–34 and H1134–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Joseph Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

APPROPRIATIONS—INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND BRAC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC. Testimony was heard from Pete Potochney, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Energy, Installations and Environment; Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant

Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Army. Testimony was heard from Patrick Murphy, Acting Secretary, U.S. Army; and General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

APPROPRIATIONS—COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Kevin Shea, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Elanor Starmer, Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service; Larry Mitchell, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, OCEAN WORLDS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ocean Worlds. Testimony was heard from Charles Elachi, Director, Jet Propulsion Lab; and a public witness.

THE MARINE CORPS 2017 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET REQUEST AND READINESS POSTURE

Committee On Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Marine Corps

2017 Operation and Maintenance Budget Request and Readiness Posture”. Testimony was heard from General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Glenn M. Walters, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, U.S. Marine Corps; and Major General Vincent A. Coglianesse, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Plans), U.S. Marine Corps.

DISRUPTER SERIES: WEARABLE DEVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Wearable Devices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT: THE DOE LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “Department of Energy Oversight: The DOE Loan Guarantee Program”. Testimony was heard from Mark McCall, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, Department of Energy; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 ODNI BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 ODNI Budget. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple Veterans Service Organizations, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Stamper, Blinded Veterans Association, Hayden, Idaho; Chris Kinnard, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado; Marsha Four, Vietnam Veterans of America, Springfield, Pennsylvania; Robert J. Puskar, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paradise Valley, Arizona; Ryan Kules, Wounded Warrior Project, Severna Park, Maryland; Mike Waite, National Guard Association of the United States, Alexandria, Virginia; James Pidgeon, AMVETS, Tulare, California; and Al Kovach, Jr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, Coronado, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

(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, March 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 524, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Grassley Amendment No. 3378, and to the bill, is at 3:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Grassley Amendment No. 3378.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

4 p.m., Monday, March 7

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