

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1645–S1677

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2743–2749, and S. Res. 413. **Page S1673**

Measures Reported:

S. 1077, to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1597, to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1767, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1878, to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2030, to allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2503, to establish requirements for reusable medical devices relating to cleaning instructions and validation data, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2511, to improve Federal requirements relating to the development and use of electronic health records technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1673**

Measures Passed:

100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 406, recognizing the Girl Scouts of the United States of America on the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in the Girl Scouts, which has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere since 1916, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1676**

Gold Star Wives Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, designating April 5, 2016, as "Gold Star Wives Day". **Page S1676**

Measures Considered:

America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations. **Pages S1648–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. **Page S1676**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law. **Pages S1676, S1677**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David C. Nye, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Pages S1676–77**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1676.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Commissioner, both of the Federal Communications Commission.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY VETERANS IN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and benefits for military veterans in agriculture, after receiving testimony from Lanon Baccam, Military Veterans Agriculture Liaison, Department of Agriculture; Gary LaGrange, Soldier Agricultural Vocation Education, Manhattan, Kansas; Alison Perry, Central Oregon Veterans Ranch, Bend; Paul Kanning, Tom Tilda Farm, Flaxville, Montana; and John Ulrick, Chief Warrant Officer, USA (Ret.), Hillman, Minnesota.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Services, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army Modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Military Deputy, and Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Lieutenant General Herbert R. McMaster, Jr., USA, Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center, and Deputy Commanding General, Futures, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Lieutenant General Joseph Anderson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of

the Army (G-3/5/7), and Lieutenant General John M. Murray, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army (G-8), all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine state of public shipyards to meet current mission needs and investment strategies to support future national security requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral William H. Hilarides, USN, Commander, United States Naval Sea Systems Command, and Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, USN, Commander, United States Navy Installations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effects of consumer finance regulations, after receiving testimony from Leonard Chanin, Morrison and Foerster, David Hirschmann, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, both of Washington, D.C.; Todd Zywicki, George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law, Law and Economics Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Reverend Willie Gable, Jr., Progressive Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Housing and Economic Development Commission.

ISSUES FACING U.S.-AFFILIATED ISLANDS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues associated with implementation in Palau, Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands, including S. 2360, to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, and S. 2610, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, after receiving testimony from Esther P. Kia'aina, Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

RECENT IRANIAN ACTIONS AND NUCLEAR DEAL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent Iranian actions and implementation of the nuclear deal, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Shannon, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

SAFEGUARDING U.S. CITIZENS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine terror in Europe, focusing on safeguarding United States citizens at home and abroad, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security, and Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Clint Watts, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 5 OF THE FTC ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, focusing on methods of competition, after receiving testimony from Joshua D. Wright, George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; A. Douglas Melamed, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Tim Wu, Columbia Law School, New York, New

York; and Amanda P. Reeves, Latham and Watkins LLP, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

IMPACT OF STATE MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine whether the Department of Justice is adequately protecting the public from the impact of state recreational marijuana legalization, after receiving testimony from Benjamin B. Wagner, United States Attorney, Eastern District of California, Department of Justice; Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Nebraska Attorney General Douglas J. Peterson, Lincoln; and Kathryn M. Wells, Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, Denver, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 34.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D322)

S. 2393, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction. Signed on March 31, 2016. (Public Law 114-142)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy, to hold hearings to examine USDA rural development programs and their economic impact across America, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the national intelligence and military intelligence programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine research and development efforts at the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal

year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the report of the Military Justice Review Group, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the unreliability of Federal financial data, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine transportation security, focusing on protecting passengers and freight, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the strategic implications of the United States debt, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2700, to update the authorizing provisions relating to the workforces of the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, S. 185, to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs, S. 2713, to provide for the implementation of a Precision Medicine Initiative, S. 2745, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote the inclusion of minorities in clinical research,

and S. 2742, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act regarding the national research institutes, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2304, to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, S. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a 5-year demonstration program to provide grants to eligible Indian tribes for the construction of tribal schools, S. 2580, to establish the Indian Education Agency to streamline the administration of Indian education, and S. 2711, to expand opportunity for Native American children through additional options in education, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Federal disaster response and Small Business Administration implementation of the RISE Act, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine finding a cure, focusing on assessing progress toward the goal of ending Alzheimer's by 2025, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3:30 p.m., Monday, April 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 636, America's Small Business Tax Relief Act. At 11 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 34.



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