

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 2328, Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4683–S4772

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3107–3125, S.J. Res. 36, and S. Res. 515–519. **Page S4723**

Measures Reported:

S. 3117, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–290)

S. 1870, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a pilot program on issuing grants to eligible veterans to start or acquire qualifying businesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4722**

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Pat Summitt: Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, relative to the death of Pat Summitt, head coach emeritus of the University of Tennessee women's basketball team. **Page S4730**

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, designating September 2016 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month". **Page S4730**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 518, designating July 23, 2016, as "National Day of the American Cowboy". **Pages S4730–31**

300th Anniversary of the City of Natchez, Mississippi: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, recognizing the 300th anniversary and historical significance of the city of Natchez, Mississippi. **Page S4731**

Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2017: Senate passed S. 2829, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation,

after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4752–69**

Sasse (for Fischer) Amendment No. 4940, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4769**

Measures Considered:

Sanctuary Cities—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3100, to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States. **Page S4702**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, June 29, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brian R. Martinotti, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S4702**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S4702**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Brian R. Martinotti, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, the pending cloture motions filed on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, ripen. **Page S4769**

Kate's Law—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2193, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 S. 3100, to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with McConnell Amendment No. 4935.

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House Messages:

Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act: By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 2328, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 4865, to change the enactment date. (By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate earlier failed to table the motion to concur.)

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 113), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill.

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McConnell motion to refer the House message on the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 4867, to change the enactment date, fell when

cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4868 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4867), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the House message on the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 4867, fell.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4869 (to Amendment No. 4868), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4868 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4867), fell.

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By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 115), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill violates section 425(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4865, to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 4865, was withdrawn.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4866 (to Amendment No. 4865), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4865, fell.

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National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the House amendment to S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after agreeing to the motion to lay before the Senate the message from the House to accompany the bill, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 4935, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4936 (to Amendment No. 4935), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 4937, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4938 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4937), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4939 (to Amendment No. 4938), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 4935 (listed above), 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. 2193, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate agreed to the motion to lay before the Senate the message from the House to accompany the bill.

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McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450, was withdrawn.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, July 1, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 9 a.m.; and that when Senate adjourns on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, it next convene at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

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Martinotti Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian R. Martinotti, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, under the previous order of Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2017.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2020.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Anne S. Casper, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2021.

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12 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

10 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

15 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Debra Satz, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Jason D. Tulley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—117) **Pages S4689–90, S4702, S4704**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4769.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 3117) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 3084, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 827, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2997, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical telecommunications networks during times of emergency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1717, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials;

S. 3088, to provide a deadline for compliance with an alternate safety compliance program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3087, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3059, to reauthorize and amend the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response

Grant Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2219, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3086, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3099, to preserve and enhance saltwater fishing opportunities for recreational anglers; and

The nominations of Peggy E. Gustafson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, and Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner.

EPA ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement and compliance programs, after receiving testimony from Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency.

ZIKA PREVENTION AND PREPARATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparing for and protecting the nation from Zika, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; H. Fisk Johnson, S. C. Johnson and Son, Racine, Wisconsin; Colonel Christopher Zahn, USAF (Ret.), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Bethesda, Maryland; T. Wayne Gale, Florida Mosquito Control Association and American Mosquito Control Association, Tallahassee; and David O'Connor, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on an update from the Secretary of Education on proposed regulations, after receiving testimony from John King, Secretary of Education.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2796, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians, S. 2959, to amend the

White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, and S. 3013, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, after receiving testimony from Letty Belin, Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of the Interior; David Flute, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Agency Village, South Dakota; Kasey Velasquez, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, Arizona; and Vernon Finley, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Pablo, Montana.

PROTECTING OLDER AMERICANS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting older Americans from financial exploitation, after receiving testimony from John A. Horn, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Department of Justice; Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Nancy Shaffer, Connecticut State Department on Aging, South Windsor; Donna K. Harvey, Iowa Department on Aging, Des Moines; and Joseph Marquart, AARP Iowa Executive Council, Cedar Falls.

DWINDLING STARTUP ACTIVITY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the consequences of dwindling startup activity, including S. 2868, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deferral of inclusion in gross income for capital gains reinvested in economically distressed zones, and S. 2812, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, after receiving testimony from John W. Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, and Donna Harris, 1776, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dane Stangler, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 244, to require an independent comprehensive review of the process by which the Department of Veterans Affairs assesses cognitive impairments that result from traumatic brain injury for purposes of awarding disability compensation, S. 603, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans

Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, S. 2210, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2279, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, S. 2316, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the requirements for reissuance of veterans benefits in cases of misuse of benefits by certain fiduciaries to include misuse by all fiduciaries, and to improve oversight of fiduciaries, S. 2791, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the clean-up of Enewetak Atoll as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2958, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3021, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to pursue independent study programs at certain educational institutions that are not institutions of higher learning, S. 3023, to provide for the reconsideration of claims for disability compensation for veterans who were the subjects of experiments by the Department of Defense during World War II that were conducted to assess the effects of mustard gas or lewisite on people, S. 3032, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2016, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 3035, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to increase the use of medical scribes to maximize the efficiency of physicians at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3055, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, S. 3076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish caskets and urns for burial in cemeteries of States and tribal organizations of veterans without next of kin or sufficient resources to provide for caskets or urns, S. 3081, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain employees of members of Congress with access to case-tracking information of the Department of Veterans Affairs, an original bill to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the

uniformed services with respect to their employment and reemployment rights, to improve the enforcement of such employment and reemployment rights, an original bill to expand eligibility for readjustment counseling to certain members of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces, and an original bill to authorize payment by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the costs associated with service by medical residents and interns at facilities operated by Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot pro-

gram to expand medical residencies and internships at such facilities, after receiving testimony from David McLenachen, Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion, Carlos Fuentes, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Ziober, Costa Mesa, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine corruption, focusing on violent extremism, klep-

tocracy, and the dangers of failing governance, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the use of agency regulatory guidance, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and the nomination of Carole Schwartz Rendon, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine small business survival amidst flood insurance rate increases, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 1

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2016.



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