

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 2943, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6849–S6929

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3520–3536. **Pages S6922–23**

Measures Reported:

S. 2852, to expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–396) **Page S6922**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 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. **Pages S6862–73**

House Messages:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Page S6882**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6882**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5139, to change the enactment date. **Page S6882**

McConnell Amendment No. 5140 (to Amendment No. 5139), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6882**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5141, to change the enactment date. **Page S6882**

McConnell Amendment No. 5142 (the instructions (Amendment No. 5141) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6882**

McConnell Amendment No. 5143 (to Amendment No. 5142), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6882**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, December 10, 2016. **Page S6882**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the message of the House to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, December 9, 2016. **Page S6929**

George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse", taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6882–83**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S6882**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5144, to change the enactment date. **Pages S6882–83**

McConnell Amendment No. 5145 (to Amendment No. 5144), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6883**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5146, to change the enactment date. **Page S6883**

McConnell Amendment No. 5147 (the instructions (Amendment No. 5146) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6883**

McConnell Amendment No. 5148 (to Amendment No. 5147), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6883**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to 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 the message of the House on S. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S6882**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Brazil, titled "Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Federative Republic of Brazil," and a related agreement titled "Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and the Federative Republic of Brazil for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-58) **Pages S6919-20**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—159) **Pages S6872-73**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6929.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STATE DEPARTMENT AND USAID MANAGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine State Department and United States Agency for International Development management challenges and opportunities for the next administration, after receiving testimony from Steve A. Linick, Inspector General for the Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors; and Ann Calvaresi Barr, Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 6476-6525; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183; and H. Res. 951-955, were introduced. **Pages H7567-69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7571**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5253, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve visa security, visa applicant vetting, and for

other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-850, Part 1);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-851);

H.R. 5003, to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-852, Part 1);

H.R. 5033, to improve the Governmentwide management of unnecessarily duplicative Government programs and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–853);

H.R. 1738, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to modernize and implement the national integrated public alert and warning system to disseminate homeland security information and other information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–854, Part 1);

H.R. 4383, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance Department of Homeland Security coordination on how to identify and record information regarding individuals suspected or convicted of human trafficking, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–855, Part 1);

H.R. 3062, to prohibit the use of eminent domain in carrying out certain projects (H. Rept. 114–856, Part 1);

H.R. 4579, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–857, Part 1);

H.R. 5714, to restore the financial solvency and improve the governance of the United States Postal Service in order to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–858, Part 1);

H.R. 5707, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for certain index fund investments from the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–859, Part 1);

H.R. 6008, to provide transit benefits to Federal employees who use the services of transportation network companies within the national capital region, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–860, Part 1);

H.R. 5204, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide an exclusion from income for student loan forgiveness for students who have died or become disabled, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–861, Part 1);

H.R. 4220, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–862); and

H.R. 5879, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production from advanced nuclear power facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–863). **Pages H7566–67**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7401, H7527**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, December 7th:

Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2016: H.R. 4919, amended, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 346 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 619. **Page H7412**

Ensuring funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2974, to ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline. **Page H7412**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on S. 612 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Pages H7412–13**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: Pursuant to H. Res. 949, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–70, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–849, by a yeand-nay vote of 326 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 620. **Pages H7498–H7526**

H. Res. 949, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2028) and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 612) was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 235 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 618, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 234 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 617. **Pages H7403–11**

Designating the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse": The House passed S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the

“George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, by a recorded vote of 360 yeas to 61 noes, Roll No. 622. **Pages H7413–98, H7526–27**

Rejected the Doyle motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 621.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–69 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 949, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2028) and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 612) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 618, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 617.

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Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of S. 612: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 183, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of S. 612.

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Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2016: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6450, as amended by Representative Chaffetz, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General.

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Federal Property Management Reform Act of 2016: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6451, to improve the Government-wide management of Federal property.

Pages H7531–33

Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6452, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, and to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.

Pages H7533–40

Authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6480, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community

Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Pages H7540–50

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 12th.

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Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2018: Dr. Tenzin Dorjee, Fullerton, CA, to succeed Ms. Hannah Rosenthal.

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National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment, upon recommendation of the Majority Leader, of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. Brian Jones, Washington, DC.

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Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individual to the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission: Ms. Stacey Plaskett, United States Virgin Islands.

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Amending chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereignty immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass H.R. 6477, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereignty immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Brazil—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–186).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7561.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7410–11, H7411, H7412, H7525–26, H7526, and H7527. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT REVIEW OF THE U.S. NAVY'S LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight Review of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Program". Testimony was heard from Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Vice Admiral Thomas Rowden, U.S. Navy, Commander, Naval Surface Forces; J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and Ron O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS: ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Mixed Martial Arts: Issues and Perspectives". Testimony was heard from Representative Denham and public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON SHORT-TERM FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government-Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulations

on Short-Term Financing". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DATA ACT IMPLEMENTATION CHECK-IN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "DATA Act Implementation Check-In". Testimony was heard from Paula Rascona, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; David A. Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Courtney Timberlake, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Timothy E. Gribben, Chief Financial Officer and Associate Administrator for Performance Management, Small Business Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, December 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Monday, December 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the message of the House to accompany H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution).

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