

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7551–S7600

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2212–2216, and S. Res. 299–300. **Page S7594**

Measures Passed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 3819, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. **Page S7574**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 293, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7598**

National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, designating November 7, 2015, as National Bison Day. **Pages S7598–99**

House Messages:

Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7585–86**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7585**

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McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2750, to change the enactment date. **Page S7585**

McConnell Amendment No. 2751 (to Amendment No. 2750), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7585**

McConnell motion to refer the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2752, to change the enactment date. **Page S7586**

McConnell Amendment No. 2753 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2752), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7586**

McConnell Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2753), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7586**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives 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 Friday, October 30, 2015. **Page S7585**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 29, 2015. **Page S7599**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30) **Page S7590**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration. **Page S7600**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S7599–S7600**

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

A routine list in the Air Force. **Page S7600**

Messages from the House: **Page S7590**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7599.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine unmanned aircraft systems and the steps being taken to successfully integrate this technology into our National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Marty Rogers, Alliance for System Safety of UAS through Research Excellence, Fairbanks, Alaska, on behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Unmanned Aircraft Systems program; and Tim Canoll, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.

DOE NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine realizing the potential of the Department of Energy national laboratories, after receiving testimony from TJ Glauthier, and Jared Cohon, both a

Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of The National Energy Laboratories, Department of Energy.

RURAL BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the state of rural banking, focusing on challenges and consequences, including S. 1491, to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, after receiving testimony from Terry Foster, Mifflin County Savings Bank, Lewistown, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers; Roger Porch, First National Bank, Philip, South Dakota; Carrie Wood, Timberland Federal Credit Union, DuBois, Pennsylvania; and Sarah Edelman, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and General John R. Allen, USMC (Ret.), Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and 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, all of the Department of State, and John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BIODEFENSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of our nation's biodefense, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, New York, New York, and Thomas J. Ridge, former Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C., both a Co-Chair, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense.

RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine retirement plan options for small businesses, after receiving testimony from Scott Anderson, Static Peak, LLC, Jackson, Wyoming, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Lance Schoening, The Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the American

Benefits Council; John J. Kalamarides, Prudential Retirement, Hartford, Connecticut; and David Certner, AARP, Washington, D.C.

VA MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs mental health, focusing on ensuring access to care and action needed to improve access policies and wait-time data, after receiving testimony from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Harold Kudler, Chief Consultant for Mental Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion, and Jacqueline Maffucci, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Nicholas Karnaze, Stubble and 'Stache, Arlington, Virginia; and Dean S. Maiers, Seymour, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3842–3856; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88; and H. Res. 500–502 were introduced. **Pages H7331–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7332–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2643, to direct the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–316, Part 1); and

H.R. 2510, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–317, Part 1). **Page H7331**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7251**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7264**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Mar Awa Royel, Assyrian Church of the East, Salida, California. **Page H7264**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7264, H7312**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:53 p.m. **Page H7271**

Trade Act of 2015: The House agreed to the Rogers (KY) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, with the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–315, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–315, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 579. **Pages H7268–H7312**

H. Res. 495, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1314) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 392 yeas to 37 noes, Roll No. 578, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 577. **Pages H7271–72**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 29. **Page H7313**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

State Licensing Efficiency Act of 2015: H.R. 2643, to direct the Attorney General to provide

State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks; **Pages H7313–14**

DHS Social Media Improvement Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 623, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group; and **Pages H7314–16**

Northern Border Security Review Act: H.R. 455, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a northern border threat analysis. **Pages H7316–19**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–71). **Pages H7312–13**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H7261.

Senate Referral: S. 754 was held at the desk. **Page H7261**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7271–72, H7272, H7312. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BIG DATA AND AGRICULTURE: INNOVATION AND IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Big Data and Agriculture: Innovation and Implications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—A UNITY OF EFFORT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Transition Assistance Program—A Unity of Effort”. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General James Iacocca, USA, Adjutant General, U.S. Army; Susan Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Department of Defense; Horace Larry, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force; Major General Burke Whitman, Director, Marine and Family Programs, U.S. Marine Corps; Thomas

Yavorski, Executive Director, 21st Century Sailor Office, U.S. Navy; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING DOD’S ASSURED ACCESS TO MICRO-ELECTRONICS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Assessing DOD’s Assured Access to Micro-Electronics in Support of U.S. National Security Requirements”. Testimony was heard from Marie Mak, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, Government Accountability Office; Kristen Baldwin, Principal Deputy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering, Department of Defense; André Gudger, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy, Department of Defense; and Brett Hamilton, Division Chief Engineer for Trusted Microelectronics, Naval Surface Warfare Center—Crane.

RESTORING THE TRUST FOR AMERICA’S MOST VULNERABLE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring the Trust for America’s Most Vulnerable”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3459, the “Protecting Local Business Opportunity Act”. H.R. 3459 was ordered reported, as amended.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Breaking Down Barriers to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UPDATE ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL ISSUES; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Update on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Issues”; and a markup on S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”. Testimony was heard from Mark Whitney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Michael Weber, Deputy Executive Director of Operations for Materials, Waste, Research, State, and

Compliance Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Leigh Ing, Executive Director, Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission; and public witnesses. S. 611 was ordered reported, without amendment.

TERROR INMATES: COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN PRISON AND BEYOND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Terror Inmates: Countering Violent Extremism in Prison and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Jerome P. Bjelopera, Specialist in Organized Crime and Terrorism, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Tony C. Parker, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Correction, State of Tennessee; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on a discussion draft of the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act”. Testimony was heard from Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service; Olivia Ferriter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1219, the “Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1296, to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3062, the “Assuring Private Property Rights Over Vast Access to Land (APPROVAL) Act”. Testimony was heard from Senator Boozman; Representative Womack; Letty Belin, Counselor to the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Steven Jolly, District Manager, Arbuckle Master Conservancy District; and public witnesses.

RADICALIZATION: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE RISE OF TERRORISM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing enti-

tled “Radicalization: Social Media and the Rise of Terrorism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NITRD) PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program”. Testimony was heard from Keith Marzullo, Director, National Coordination Office, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program (NITRD); and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine alternative approaches to defense strategy and force structure, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine welfare and poverty in America, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), and Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary

for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the “proposed Convention”) and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111–07), the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the “related Agreement”) on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112–08), the Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris on May 27, 2010 (the “proposed Protocol”), which was signed by the United States on May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112–05), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113–04), the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13,

2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113–05), and the Protocol 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), 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine mental health and substance use disorders in America, focusing on priorities, challenges, and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian R. Martinotti, and Julien Xavier Neals, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, and Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, October 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, October 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1314, Bipartisan Budget Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Election of the 54th Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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