

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2891–S2922

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1094–1118, and S. Res. 162. **Pages S2915–16**

Measures Reported:

S. 174, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens. (S. Rept. No. 115–61)

S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs.

S. 583, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers.

S. 934, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1028, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy. **Page S2915**

Measures Passed:

Merit Systems Protection Board: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1083, to amend section 1214 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for stays during a period that the Merit Systems Protection Board lacks a quorum, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2921**

Rosen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form; and that notwith-

standing the provisions of Rule XXII, the pending cloture motions ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2921**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 82 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 127), Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S2906**

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

By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 126), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2894**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David J. Kautter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Brock Long, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2922**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—127) **Pages S2894, S2906**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2921.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pesticide registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,

and Rodenticide Act, focusing on providing stakeholders with certainty through the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act, after receiving testimony from Richard P. Keigwin, Jr., Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency; Sheryl Kunickis, Director, Office of Pest Management Policy, Department of Agriculture; Gary W. Black, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, Atlanta, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Dale Murden, Texas Citrus Mutual, Mission; and Jay Vroom, CropLife America, and Virginia Ruiz, Farmworker Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine reducing burden and increasing access to healthcare, focusing on improving Department of Veterans Affairs community care, after receiving testimony from David J. Shulkin, Secretary, and Baligh R. Yehia, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

CYBER POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cyber policy, strategy, and organization, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, former Director of National Intelligence; Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN (Ret.), Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, former Commander, United States European Command; and General Michael V. Hayden, USAF (Ret.), The Chertoff Group, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM STATUS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the housing finance system after nine years of conservatorship, including S. 838, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to include retrofit loans such as property assessed clean energy loans, after receiving testimony from Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 934, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1028, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs;

S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 583, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Althea Coetzee, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Risch, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from former Senator Daniel R. Coats, Director of National Intelligence; Michael Pompeo, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Andrew McCabe, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Admiral Michael Rogers, USN, Director, National Security Agency; Lieutenant General Vincent Stewart, USMC, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Robert Cardillo, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2405–2421; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 319–322, were introduced. **Pages H4189–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4190–91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1073, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–113);

H.R. 1500, to redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as “Robert Emmet Park”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–114);

H.R. 1677, to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, encourage a negotiated political settlement, and hold Syrian human rights abusers accountable for their crimes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–115, Part 1);

H.R. 115, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–116);

H.R. 510, to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog (H. Rept. 115–117); and

H.R. 1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–118). **Page H4189**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chabot to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4187**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Scott Wilson, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H4187**

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance—Reappointment: The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, the joint reappointment effective May 13, 2017 of Ms. Barbara L. Camens of Washington, DC and Ms. Roberta L. Holzwarth of Rockford, Illinois, each to a five-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page H4187**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4187.

Senate Referrals: S. 140 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 249 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H4187**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

(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, May 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Monday, May 15

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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