

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8247–S8321

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2340–2346, and S. Res. 324–325. **Pages S8305–06**

Measures Reported:

S. 2139, to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for the procurement of covered contracts, with amendments. **Page S8305**

Measures Passed:

National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, designating December 3, 2015, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Page S8319**

Permitting Charitable Collections in Senate Buildings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Page S8319**

Measures Considered:

Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8250–98**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2874, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8250**

Murray/Wyden Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2874), to ensure that this Act does not increase the number of uninsured women or increase the number of unintended pregnancies by establishing a women’s health care and clinic security and safety fund. **Pages S8253–54, S8261–64**

Johnson Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage. **Pages S8254–61, S8264–83**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 3, 2015, with the time until 1:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form; and that all debate time on the bill be deemed expired at 1:30 p.m. **Page S8319**

Messages from the House: **Page S8305**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8305**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING GLOBAL HUNGER

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine agriculture’s role in combating global hunger, after receiving testimony from Krysta Harden, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; D. Wade Ellis, Bunge North America Milling, St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Leach, World Food Program USA, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the United Nations World Food Program; and Arlene Mitchell, Global Child Nutrition Foundation, Seattle, Washington.

DEFENSE PERSONNEL REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense personnel reform and strengthening the all-volunteer force,

after receiving testimony from David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analysis; Bernard Rostker, RAND Corporation; Robert F. Hale, Booz Allen Hamilton; and Admiral Gary Roughhead, USN (Ret.), Hoover Institution.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senator Markey, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action oversight, focusing on the International Atomic Energy Agency's report on the possible military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear program from Stephen D. Mull, Lead Coordinator for Iran Nuclear Implementation, Department of State; and Kevin Veal, Director of Nuclear Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1879, to improve processes in the Department of the Interior, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), focusing on whether the justice systems in Indian country have improved, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Mirtha Beadle, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; and Glen G. Gobin, the Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, Washington.

TRADE SECRET THEFT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting trade secrets, focusing on the impact of trade secret theft on American competitiveness and potential solutions to remedy this harm, including S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, after receiving testimony from Karen Cochran, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware; Thomas R. Beall, Corning Incorporated, Corning, New York; Sharon K. Sandeen, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota; and James Pooley, Menlo Park, California.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's alien removal policies, after receiving testimony from Sarah R. Saldana, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, and Marc R. Rosenblum, Migration Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan F. Thompson, National Sheriffs' Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

CONSOLIDATING VETERANS CARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consolidating non-Department of Veterans Affairs care programs, after receiving testimony from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion, Darin Selnick, Concerned Veterans for America, Bill Rausch, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and Raymond C. Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.