

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 1177, Every Student Succeeds Act

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8507–S8562*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2376–2382, and S. Res. 332. **Pages S8546–47**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 571, to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8546**

#### Measures Passed:

**Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8560**

**20th Anniversary of the American Visionary Art Museum:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 317, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the American Visionary Art Museum, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8560–61**

#### Conference Reports:

**Every Student Succeeds Act:** By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 334), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Pages S8509–13**

**Restrepo Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, January 11, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Cir-

cuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that there be 30 minutes for debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S8561**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

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.

Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Linda Swartz Taglialatela, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. **Pages S8559–60, S8561–62**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—334) Page S8513

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8561.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. STRATEGY TO COUNTER ISIL

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States strategy to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and United States policy toward Iraq and Syria, after receiving testimony from Ash Carter, Secretary, and General Paul J. Selva, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, all of the Department of Defense, and John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### A REGULATORY BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine moving to a stronger economy with a regulatory budget, after receiving testimony from John D. Graham, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington; Jerry Ellig, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert R.M. Verchick, Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 571, to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2361, to enhance airport security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2843, to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1935, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2319, to amend the Communications Act of 1934; and

The nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015 (Reappointment), and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

### UN PEACEKEEPING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United Nations peacekeeping and opportunities for reform, after receiving testimony from Samantha Power, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Mission to the United Nations, Department of State; and John D. Negroponte, former Permanent Representative to the United Nations, McLarty Associates, and Bruce Jones, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

### POLITICAL AND SECURITY CRISIS IN BURUNDI

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine the political and security crisis in Burundi, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs,