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**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. Negroponce, 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,

Department of State; Joseph Siegle, Director of Research, National Defense University, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Department of Defense; Thierry Vircoulon, International Crisis Group, Nairobi, Kenya; and Sixte Vigny Nimuraba, George Mason University School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2375, to decrease the deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1915, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 1557, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### FBI OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert John Colville, and Marilyn Jean Horan, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who were introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, and Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, who was introduced by Senators Reed and Whitehouse, all of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Darryl L. DePriest, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment; and

S. 425, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### PRICE SPIKES IN OFF-PATENT DRUGS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine sudden price spikes in off-patent drugs, focusing on perspectives from the front lines, after receiving testimony from Gerard Anderson, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland; Erin R. Fox, University of Utah Health Care, Salt Lake City; David Kimberlin, University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Pediatrics, Birmingham; and Mark Merritt, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, Washington, D.C.