

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8623–S8646.*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2400, and S. Res. 334. **Page S8636**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1250, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–179) **Page S8636**

#### Measures Passed:

**Consumer Review Freedom Act:** Senate passed S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 2927, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8640**

**Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2270, to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge.

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**Congratulating Pennsylvania State University Women's Soccer Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 334, congratulating the Pennsylvania State University women's soccer team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Soccer Championship.

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#### Appointments:

**United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate

Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, and Carte P. Goodwin of West Virginia (reappointment).

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

By 45 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 335), Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy. **Page S8626–8629, S8646**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Alan J. Kreczko, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2019.

James R. White, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2020.

Edith Ramirez, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2015.

Andrew Mayock, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. **Pages S8640–46**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S8634**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S8632–33**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S8637–39**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—335) Page S8629

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8640.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CRIMEA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* On Friday, December 11, 2015, commission received a briefing on human rights violations in Russian-occupied Crimea from Ivanna Bilych, VOLYA Institute, New York, New York; Andriy Klymenko, *Black Sea News*, and Bohdan Yaremenko, Maidan of Foreign Affairs, both of Kyiv, Ukraine; and Yuriy Yatsenko, Lviv, Ukraine.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1281)

S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. Signed on December 10, 2015. (Public Law 114–95)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick Joseph Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Janine Anne Davidson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on an assessment of Afghanistan intelligence, 2:15 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine transition assistance, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 15 through December 18,  
2015

#### Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

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*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 15, to receive a closed briefing on an assessment of Afghanistan intelligence, 2:15 p.m., SVC–217.

December 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's strategy in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

December 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the status of Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action implementation and related issues, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* December 15, to hold hearings to examine transition assistance, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* December 15, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.