

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S407–S458

Measures Introduced: Forty-one bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 195–235, S.J. Res. 7–8, S. Res. 20–27, and S. Con. Res. 6.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 20, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 21, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 22, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 24, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Measures Passed:

National School Choice Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 26, designating the week of January 22 through January 28, 2017, as “National School Choice Week”.

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Appointments:

Reading Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appointed Senator Sasse to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 27, 2017.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, re-appointed Senator Boozman as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the Presi-

dent of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Pro Forma Session—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 27, 2017, for a pro forma session only, with no business being conducted; and that when Senate adjourns on Friday, January 27, 2017, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017.

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Tillerson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, January 24, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m.

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Chao Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation; that there be 20 minutes

of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S430**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S426–30, S458**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—33) **Page S430**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S458.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Hoeven (Chair), Cochran, McConnell, Collins, Blunt, Moran, Rubio, Merkley, Feinstein, Tester, Udall, Leahy, and Baldwin.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Shelby (Chair), Alexander, Murkowski, Collins, Graham, Boozman, Capito,

Lankford, Kennedy, Shaheen, Leahy, Feinstein, Reed, Coons, Schatz, Manchin, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators Cochran (Chair), McConnell, Shelby, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Blunt, Daines, Moran, Durbin, Leahy, Feinstein, Murray, Reed, Tester, Udall, Schatz, and Baldwin.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Alexander (Chair), Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, Feinstein, Murray, Tester, Durbin, Udall, Shaheen, Merkley, and Coons.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Capito (Chair), Moran, Boozman, Lankford, Daines, Coons, Durbin, Manchin, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Boozman (Chair), Cochran, Shelby, Murkowski, Hoeven, Lankford, Kennedy, Tester, Shaheen, Leahy, Murray, Baldwin, and Manchin.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Murkowski (Chair), Cochran, Alexander, Blunt, Hoeven, McConnell, Daines, Capito, Udall, Feinstein, Leahy, Reed, Tester, Merkley, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Blunt (Chair), Cochran, Shelby, Alexander, Graham, Moran, Capito, Lankford, Kennedy, Rubio, Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, Baldwin, Murphy, and Manchin.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Lankford (Chair), Kennedy, Rubio, Murphy, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Moran (Chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Boozman, Capito, Rubio, Schatz, Tester, Murray, Reed, Udall, Baldwin, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Graham (Chair), McConnell, Blunt, Boozman, Moran, Lankford, Daines, Rubio, Leahy, Durbin, Shaheen, Coons, Merkley, Murphy, and Van Hollen.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Collins (Chair), Shelby, Alexander, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Daines, Graham, Hoeven, Reed, Murray, Durbin, Feinstein, Coons, Schatz, Murphy, and Manchin.

Senators Cochran and Leahy are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense budget for fiscal year 2018 and onwards, after receiving testimony from