

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Session to receive a message from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 462–477, S.J. Res. 25, and S. Res. 71–73. **Page S1500–01**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 62, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, and October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

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Venezuela: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 35, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, including free and fair elections, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, designating February 28, 2017, as “Rare Disease Day”.

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Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, be discharged from the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting an address by the President delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 28, 2017; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–2)

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Zinke Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2017; that following Leader remarks there be 20 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by up to 10 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., time be counted as if invoked at 1 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Mary Ellen Barbera, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Christopher James Brummer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Rebecca Emily Rapp, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

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, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Robert P. Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Chase Rogers, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Brian D. Quintenz, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2020, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Andrew F. Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2017.

Glenn Fine, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Brent Franklin Nelsen, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Michael P. Leary, of Pennsylvania, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Elizabeth A. Field, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Wilfredo Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Jason E. Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1507.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ AFTER MOSUL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq after Mosul, after receiving testimony from Michael Knights, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Boston, Massachusetts; and