

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1649–S1702

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 563–585, S.J. Res. 35–36, and S. Res. 83–84. **Pages S1689–90**

Measures Passed:

Department of Education Rule: By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate passed H.J. Res. 58, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to teacher preparation issues. **Pages S1651–66**

Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 496, to repeal the rule issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration entitled “Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1695**

Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield Memorial: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 1, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S1695**

International Women’s Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day. **Pages S1695–96**

Measures Considered:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Rule—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Element-

tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Thursday, March 9, 2017, Senate continue consideration of the joint resolution, with the time equally divided in the usual form until 12 noon, and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution with no intervening action or debate; and that Senate then resume executive session for the consideration of Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1686**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2017; and that 30 minutes of the Majority time on the joint resolution be under the control of Senator Blunt, or his designee. **Page S1696**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—83) **Page S1666**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1696.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUNDING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine investing in America, focusing on funding our nation's transportation infrastructure needs, after receiving testimony from David Bernhardt, Maine Department of Transportation Commissioner, Augusta, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials; Jim Tymon, American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, Ed Mortimer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Beth Osborne, Transportation for America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

SAVING LIVES THROUGH MEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine saving lives through medical research, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Eberlein, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; Thomas J. Grabowski Jr., University of Washington Memory and Brain Wellness Center, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Integrated Brain Imaging Center, Seattle; Stacey Schultz-Cherry, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Department of Infectious Diseases, Memphis, Tennessee; and Jennifer M. Sasser, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on cybersecurity from the Defense Science Board from Craig I. Fields, Chairman, Defense Science Board; David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analyses; Christine H. Fox, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; Paul J. Hooper, OnPoint Technologies, Inc.; John L. Manferdelli, Google; James N. Miller, Adaptive Strategies LLC; and Robert F. Nesbit, MITRE Corporation's Center for Integrated Intelligence System.

GLOBAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the global nuclear weapons environment, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF (Ret.), former Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense; Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Defense Strategic Studies; and Gary S. Samore, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, and Mignon L. Clyburn, and Michael O'Rielly, both a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 512, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, after receiving testimony from Allison Bawden, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Maria G. Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Ashley E. Finan, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Boston, Massachusetts; Christina Back, General Atomics, San Diego, California; and Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Portman, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INDIAN AFFAIRS PRIORITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian affairs priorities for the Trump Administration, after receiving testimony from Ryan K. Zinke, Secretary of the Interior; Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Crow Nation, Crow Agency, Montana; Keith B. Anderson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake, Minnesota; Jefferson Keel, Chicksaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma; and Paul Torres, All Pueblo Council of Governors, Albuquerque, New Mexico.