

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2119–S2157*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 775–800, S.J. Res. 39, and S. Res. 104–107. **Page S2152**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 114th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 115–17)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Legislative Activities of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–18)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–19)

Special Report entitled “Review of Legislative Activity During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–20)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Fourteenth Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–22)

S. 110, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region. (S. Rept. No. 115–14)

S. 129, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act. (S. Rept. No. 115–15)

S. 168, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation. (S. Rept. No. 115–16)

S. 141, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–21)

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#### Measures Passed:

*Savings Arrangements Established by Qualified State Political Subdivisions for Non-Governmental Employees Rule:* By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate passed H.J. Res. 67, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees. **Pages S2121–22**

*Health and Human Services Relating to Compliance with Title X Requirements Rule:* By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 101), Senate passed H.J. Res. 43, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to compliance with title X requirements by project recipients in selecting subrecipients. **Pages S2122–38**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 100), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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*National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, congratulating the rifle team of West Virginia University on winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship. **Page S2157**

**Delta Queen—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Monday, April 3, 2017, Senate begin consideration of S. 89, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2138**

**Duke Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the vote on passage of S. 89, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, with concurrence of the Democratic Leader, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S2138**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S2122, S2138**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2157.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Thune and Rounds, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 35, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 55/H.R. 46, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 97, to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science;

S. 99, to require the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the President James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System;

S. 117, to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as "Alex Diekmann Peak", with an amendment;

S. 131, to provide for the exchange of certain National Forest System land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 167, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, with an amendment;

S. 189, to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 190, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems;

S. 199, to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir;

S. 213, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area;

S. 214, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project;

S. 215, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska;

S. 216, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets;