

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3461–S3504

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1349–1360, and S.J. Res. 46. **Page S3487**

Measures Reported:

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. Rept. No. 115–108)

S. 217, to amend the Denali National Park Improvement Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the natural gas pipeline authorized in the Denali National Park and Preserve. (S. Rept. No. 115–109)

H.R. 46, 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. Rept. No. 115–110)

H.R. 381, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”. (S. Rept. No. 115–111) **Page S3487**

Measures Considered:

Countering Iran’s Destabilizing Activities Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 722, to impose sanctions with respect to Iran in relation to Iran’s ballistic missile program, support for acts of international terrorism, and violations of human rights, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3462–84**

Adopted:

By 97 yeas to 2 nay (Vote No. 144), McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 232, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation and to combat terrorism and illicit financing. **Pages S3462–74**

Pending:

Corker (for Graham) Amendment No. 240, to reaffirm the strategic importance of Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty to the member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its contribution to maintaining stability throughout the world. **Pages S3662, S3474**

Gardner Modified Amendment No. 250, to provide an exception for activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S3484**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions on the committee-reported substitute amendment and the bill, be withdrawn; and that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2017, the time until 11 a.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; and that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Gardner Modified Amendment No. 250 (listed above), then vote on or in relation to Corker (for Graham) Amendment No. 240 (listed above); and that following disposition of Corker (for Graham) Amendment No. 240, the committee-reported substitute amendment, as amended be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S3484**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2017. **Page S3504**

House Messages:

Merit Systems Protection Board: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1083, to amend section 1214 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for stays during a period that the Merit Systems Protection Board lacks a quorum. **Page S3504**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—144) **Page S3474**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3504.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from James N. Mattis, Secretary, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, Philip T. Calbos, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, David G. Huizenga, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kevin Allen Hassett, of Massachusetts, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine paving the way for self-driving vehicles, after receiving testi-

mony from Mitch Bainwol, The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; Colleen Sheehy-Church, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Irving, Texas; Rob Csongor, NVIDIA, Santa Clara, California; and John M. Maddox, American Center for Mobility, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 677, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, S. 685, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 930, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 1012, to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 1029, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to exempt certain small hydroelectric power projects that are applying for relicensing under the Federal Power Act from the licensing requirements of that Act, and S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects, after receiving testimony from Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Mark A. Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Mayor Jeff Sell, Harlowtown, Montana, on behalf of the Central Montana Regional Water Authority; Tom Davis, Yuma County Water Users' Association, Somerton, Arizona; Tom Fisher, Patterson Lake Homeowners Association, Dickinson, North Dakota; Mike A. Hamman, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Christopher Wynn, Brookfield Renewable, Lewiston, Maine.

CONSUMER AND FUEL RETAILER CHOICE ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 517, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for Reid vapor pressure limitations under such Act, after receiving testimony from Brooke Coleman, Advanced Biofuels Business Council, and Jonathan F. Lewis, Clean Air Task Force, both of