

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4165–S4225

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1624–1631, and S. Res. 231. **Page S4192**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S4165–66, S4167–68**

American Health Care Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1628, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4168–84**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 267, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4170–76**

Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 267), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4183**

Donnelly motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back with instructions. **Page S4183**

Prior to the consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 167), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Page S4168**

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

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 168), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to McConnell Amendment No. 270 (to Amendment No. 267), of a perfecting nature. Subsequently, the point of order that the

amendment was in violation of section 311(a)(2)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S4183**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the time from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, be equally divided between the managers, or their designees, that at 11:30 a.m., Senator Murray, or designee, be recognized to make points of order, and that Senator Enzi, or designee, be recognized to make a motion to waive, and that following the motion to waive, Senate vote on or in relation to Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 267) (listed above), and following disposition of the amendment, the time until 3:30 p.m. be equally divided on Donnelly motion to commit (listed above), with a vote on the motion at 3:30 p.m.; and that following disposition of Donnelly motion to commit, Senator Murray, or her designee, be recognized to offer an additional motion to commit. **Page S4177**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, with the time until 11:30 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S4224**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Samuel H. Clovis, Jr., of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army.

Anthony Kurta, of Montana, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

A. Wess Mitchell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Daniel Alan Craig, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—168)	Pages S4168, S4183

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4224.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2018 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine commodities, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on perspectives on risk management tools and trends for the 2018 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Bruce Rohwer, Rohwer Farms, Paullina, Iowa, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Kevin Scott, Evergreen Stock Farm, Valley Springs, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Soybean Association; David Schemm, Arrow S Farms, Sharon Springs, Kansas, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Nick McMichen, McMichen Farm, Centre, Alabama, on behalf of the National Cotton Council; Jennifer James, H and J Land Company, Newport, Arkansas, on behalf of the USA Rice Federation; Dan Atkisson, Atkisson Land and Cattle, Stockton, Kansas, on behalf of the National Sorghum Producers; Meredith McNair Rogers, Family Farm Partners, Camilla, Georgia, on behalf of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation; Robert Rynning, Robert Rynning Farms, Kennedy, Minnesota, on behalf of the U.S. Canola Association; Ervin Schlemmer,

Schlemmer Farms Inc., Joliet, Montana, on behalf of the American Sugar Alliance; Ken Nobis, Nobis Dairy Farm, Novi, Michigan, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation and Michigan Milk Producers Association; Mark Haney, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, Louisville, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, Washington, D.C.; Lindsey Lusher Shute, Hearty Roots Community Farm, Hudson, New York, on behalf of the National Young Farmers Coalition; William Cole, Stone Corner Farms, Batesville, Mississippi, on behalf of the Crop Insurance Professionals Association; Ron Rutledge, Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa, West Des Moines; Mandy Minick, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Pasco, Washington; and Brenda Kluesner, Royal Bank, Cassville, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

ACHIEVING A 355-SHIP NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine options and considerations for achieving a 355-ship Navy from naval analysts, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Labs, Senior Analyst for Naval Forces and Weapons, Congressional Budget Office; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jerry Hendrix, Center for a New American Security; and Bryan Clark, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

MARINE DEBRIS IN THE OCEANS AND GREAT LAKES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine efforts on marine debris in the oceans and Great Lakes, after receiving testimony from Senator Whitehouse; David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries; Nancy Wallace, Director of