

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 601, Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5023–S5083

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1769–1783, S. Res. 250, and S. Con. Res. 24. **Page S5056**

Measures Reported:

S. 822, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–148)

S. 1395, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Delaware. (S. Rept. No. 115–149)

S. 1771, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–150)

Report to accompany S. 1761, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 115–151)

S. 1780, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–152) **Pages S5055–56**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Heroism of Joseph Leon George: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 243, expressing the sense of the Senate that Joseph Leon George should be honored for heroism at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5024**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 601. **Page S5077**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 69, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S5077**

Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 597, to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5077–78**

Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1165, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5078**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: Senate began 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. **Page S5038**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 7, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2017. **Page S5038**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5078**

House Messages:

Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act: By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, with McConnell Amendment No. 808 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5031–38**

Rejected:

McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell (for Paul) Amendment No. 816, relating to supplemental appropriations. (By 87 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 189), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S5031, S5035**

McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions. (By 72 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 190), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S5035–36**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 809 (to Amendment No. 808), to change the enactment date. **Pages S5031, S5038**

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

McConnell Amendment No. 817 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 816), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell (for Paul) Amendment No. 816 (listed above), was tabled. **Pages S5031–32**

McConnell Amendment No. 818 (to Amendment No. 817), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 817 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 816) (listed above), fell. **Page S5032**

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 808, (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5037–38**

Moment of Silence for 9/11 Victims—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the prayer and pledge on Monday, September 11, 2017, Senate observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001. **Page S5078**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. Stan Baker, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

John W. Broomes, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Rebecca Grady Jennings, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Terry Fitzgerald Mooror, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Karen Gren Scholer, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Brett Joseph Talley, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Rainey R. Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Deborah J. Israel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth L. Branch, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Matthew J. Kacsmark, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Emily Coody Marks, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Jeffrey Carl Mateer, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—192) Pages S5035, S5036, S5038

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5078.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1780) entitled, "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018"; and

An original bill (S. 1771) entitled, "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1463, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council; and

The nominations of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Reappointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evaluating sanctions enforcement and policy options on North Korea, including S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after receiving testimony from Adam J. Szubin, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Anthony Ruggiero, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Woodbridge, Virginia; and John Park, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Korea Working Group, Belmont, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Murkowski, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, who was introduced by Senator Risch, both of the Department of the Interior, and Richard Glick, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on the path forward, after receiving testimony from Anne L. Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; Linda Nablo, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services Chief Deputy Director, Richmond; and Leanna M. George, Benson, North Carolina.