

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6719–S6775

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1995–2002, and S. Res. 301–302. **Pages S6768–69**

Measures Passed:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rule: By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 249), Senate passed H.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Page S6760**

External power supplies: Senate passed S. 226, to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-emitting diodes providing illumination or ceiling fans using direct current motors from energy conservation standards for external power supplies. **Pages S6772–73**

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 304, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6773**

McConnell (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 1577, in the nature of substitute. **Page S6773**

50th Anniversary of USS Forrester Fire: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 234, recognizing the Sailors and Marines who sacrificed their lives for ship and shipmates while fighting the devastating 1967 fire onboard USS Forrester and, during the week of

the 50th anniversary of the tragic event, commemorating the efforts of those who survived, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6773**

McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1578, to amend the preamble. **Page S6773**

National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 301, designating the week beginning on October 22, 2017, as “National Chemistry Week”. **Pages S6773–74**

Authorizing photography of Senate Wing of U.S. Capitol: Senate agreed to S. Res. 302, authorizing limited still photography of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and authorizing the release of preexisting photographs of the Senate Chamber and Senate Wing of the United States Capitol for a book on the history of the Senate. **Page S6774**

House Messages:

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act: By 82 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6721–30, S6730–38**

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568, to change the enactment date. **Page S6737**

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

McConnell Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1568), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the

bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S6737**

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 247), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions for the purposes of McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that sections 304, 306, 308, and 309 of McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill were in violation of section 314(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained.

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Appointments:

Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–323, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: Juan S. Gonzalez of the District of Columbia, and Douglas M. Fraser of Florida. **Page S6772**

Palk Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6774**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Leonard Wolfson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Tara Sweeney, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robert M. Weaver, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—249) **Pages S6767–38, S6760**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on fisheries science, after receiving testimony from Ray Hilborn, University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, Seattle; Larry McKinney, Texas A&M University Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Corpus Christi; Karl Haflinger, Sea State, Inc., Vashon, Washington; and Michael Jones, Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, East Lansing.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), Department of State, Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.