

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7337–S7365

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1, 2162–2168, and S. Res. 343. **Page S7360**

Measures Reported:

S. 1885, to support the development of highly automated vehicle safety technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–187)

S. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

S. 1928, to establish a review of United States multilateral aid, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7360**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Legal Counsel in Arizona v. Mark Louis Prichard: Senate agreed to S. Res. 343, to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in *Arizona v. Mark Louis Prichard*. **Page S7337**

Honoring Hometown Heroes Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1892, to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7362–63**

McConnell (for Boozman) Amendment No. 1587, to make a technical correction. **Page S7362**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1519, 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 S7351–55**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114(b)(2)(c), the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a six-year term: Senator Wicker. **Page S7362**

Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1151, as amended, reappointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Senator Wicker. **Page S7362**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individuals to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Kay Cole James of Virginia, and Star Parker of California. **Page S7362**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individuals to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Senator Van Hollen, and Dr. David Anderson of New York. **Page S7362**

Nominations Received: On Monday, November 27, 2017, Senate received the following nominations: 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S7364–65**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 283), Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S7351**

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 Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:02 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7363.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, and Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth E. Allen, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, A. D. Frazier, of Georgia, Jeffrey Smith, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, and James R. Thompson III, of Alabama, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher Ashley Ford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), and Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), who was introduced by Senator Boozman and Representative Ros-Lehtinen, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROPOSALS TO SIMPLIFY FAFSA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on examining proposals to simplify the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), after receiving testimony from Justin S. Draeger, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and Kim Rueben, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Nancy J. McCallin, Colorado Community College System, Denver; Judith Scott-Clayton, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Elaine Genise Williams, YWCA of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING, TERRORIST FINANCING, AND COUNTERFEITING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1241, to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, after receiving testimony from Kenneth A. Blanco, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Matthew C. Allen, Assistant Director, Investigative Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Fowler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes; Charles Davidson, Hudson Institute, John Cassara, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, and Douglas Farah, IBI Consultants LLC, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kathryn Haun Rodriguez, Coinbase Global, Inc., San Francisco, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.