

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7367–S7505

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2169–2173, and S. Res. 344. **Page S7405**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Robert Lawrence Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 344, honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Robert Lawrence Jr. **Page S7490**

Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act: Senate passed H.R. 228, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources. **Page S7490**

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act: Senate passed S. 254, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7490**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 1637, to amend the authorization of appropriations for the Native American languages grant program under section 803C of the Native American Programs Act of 1974. **Page S7490**

John P. Smith Act: Senate passed S. 302, to enhance tribal road safety. **Pages S7490–91**

Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 245, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005. **Pages S7491–97**

RESPECT Act: Senate passed S. 343, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians. **Page S7497**

Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 669, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian

Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7497–98**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 1638, to authorize a study of the program to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and make related improvements. **Pages S7497–98**

AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act: Senate passed S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants. **Page S7498**

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act: Senate passed S. 825, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7498**

Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act: Senate passed S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribes to lease or transfer certain lands, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S7499**

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 S7367–93**

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation

pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7393–S7402, S7499–S7504**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 285), Wyden motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7402**

Pending:

McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618, of a perfecting nature. **Page S7402**

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S7393–94**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 30, 2017, with one hour of debate remaining on McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618 (listed above). **Page S7499**

Appointments:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a correction to appointments made on November 28, 2017 be printed in the *Record*. For the information of the Senate, this correction is clerical and does not change membership of the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission made by the appointments. **Page S7490**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, 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 S7490**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marvin Goodfriend, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.

Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S7393–94, S7402**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:52 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7499.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Toomey, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

19 General Services Administration resolutions; and

The nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Young, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to