

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2214–2216, and S. Res. 356. **Page S7945**

Measures Reported:

S. 875, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on filing requirements under the Universal Service Fund programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–192)

S. 1322, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–193)

S. Res. 139, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. 1118, to reauthorize the North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7945**

Measures Passed:

Members of Congress Substitute Teaching: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the Senate that Members of Congress should substitute teach at least 1 day per year in a public school to gain firsthand knowledge on how to address the prevailing challenges facing educators and how to remove obstacles to learning for students. **Pages S7946–47**

Star Print—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. Res. 351, recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Mississippi on December 10, 2017, be star printed with the changes that are at the desk. **Page S7946**

Grasz Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Pages S7938–42**

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

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 312), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7942**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 12, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S7947**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael D. Griffin, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

Gregory J. Slavonic, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Joseph H. Hunt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—312) **Page S7942**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7947.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4605–4615; 1 resolution, H. Res. 655, were introduced. **Pages H9788–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9789–90**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3359, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–454, Part 1);

H.R. 1399, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–455);

H.R. 1730, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–456);

H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil (H. Rept. 115–457);

H.R. 2880, to amend the Federal Power Act to promote closed-loop pumped storage hydropower, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–458);

H.R. 1313, to clarify rules relating to nondiscriminatory workplace wellness programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–459, Part 1); and

H.R. 4171, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the authority to conduct telework travel expenses test programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–460). **Page H9788**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9759**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H9760**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Franks, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Eighth Congressional District of Arizona, effective at 12 noon on Friday, December 8, 2017. **Page H9760**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. Franks, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H9760**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H9761**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act of 2017: H.R. 3359, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H9761–68**

Securing General Aviation and Commercial Charter Air Carrier Service Act of 2017: H.R. 3669, amended, to improve and streamline security procedures related to general aviation and commercial charter air carrier utilizing risk-based security standards; **Pages H9769–70**

Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2017: H.R. 2706, amended, to provide requirements for the appropriate Federal banking agencies when requesting or ordering a depository institution to terminate a specific customer account, to provide for additional requirements related to subpoenas issued under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 672; **Pages H9770–73, H9777–78**

Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act: H.R. 3093, to amend the Volcker Rule to permit certain investment advisers to share a similar name with a