

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2155, Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1695–S1739

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2544–2555, and S. Res. 434–436. **Page S1735**

Measures Passed:

Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act: By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate passed S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1696–S1729, S1729–30**

Adopted:

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 51), McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1729**

Withdrawn:

Crapo Amendment No. 2152 (to Amendment No. 2151), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1729**

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

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 52), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1729**

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 53), 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 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Page S1730**

Girl Scouts of the United States of America 106th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 436, recognizing the Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 106th birthday and affirming the importance of leadership development for girls. **Page S1738**

Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2154, to rename the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1739**

Measures Considered:

Allow States And Victims To Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking. **Page S1731**

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, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, March 19, 2018. **Page S1731**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1731**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2018. **Page S1739**

House Messages:

Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to S. 188, to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government.

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McAleenan Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

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

By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 19, 2018.

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Nomination Received: On Thursday, March 8, 2018, Senate received the following nomination:

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Jeffrey DeWit, of Arizona, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—55)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, including continued actions needed to address management challenges, after receiving testimony from Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, National Nuclear Security Administration, all of the Department of Energy; and David C. Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

REBUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rebuilding infrastructure in America, focusing on Administration perspectives, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation; Wilbur L. Ross, Secretary of Commerce; R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary of Labor; Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture; and Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

AGRICULTURE CREATES REAL EMPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, "the Agriculture Creates Real Employment (ACRE) Act", after receiving testimony from Doug Miyamoto, Wyoming Department of Agriculture Director, Cheyenne; Ryan Yates, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D.C.; and Jim Lyons, Center for American Progress, Edgewater, Maryland.

SOMALIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine Somalia's current security and stability status, after receiving testimony from Abdirashid Hashi, Heritage Institute for Policy Studies, Mogadishu, Somalia; Tricia Bacon, American University School of Public Affairs, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark A. Yarnell, Refugees International, and E.J. Hogendoorn, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.