

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the H.R. 1625, Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1885–S1984

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2589–2630, S.J. Res. 56–57, and S. Res. 441–451.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 70, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees. (S. Rept. No. 115–217)

S. 374, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products. (S. Rept. No. 115–218)

H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency.

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community. **Page S1946**

Measures Passed:

Kennedy-King Establishment Act: Senate passed H.R. 4851, to establish the Kennedy-King Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Cornyn (for Young/Donnelly) Amendment No. 2215, to strike a provision relating to a special resource study. **Page S1892**

Alaska Property Conveyance: Senate passed S. 269, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska. **Pages S1968–69**

Native American Business Incubators Program Act: Senate passed S. 607, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1969**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 2223, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1969**

Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 1116, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, after withdrawing the committee amendments, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1969–72**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 2224, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1972**

Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act: Senate passed S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S1972**

Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, after

agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1972–75**

McConnell (for Lankford) Amendment No. 2225, to include Alaska Native organizations in consultations. **Page S1973**

Childhood Cancer STAR Act: Senate passed S. 292, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1975–77**

Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act: Senate passed S. 1091, to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1977–78**

National CACFP Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 405, designating the third week of March 2018 as “National CACFP Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1978**

Hurricane Maria 6-Month Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, marking the 6-month anniversary of the devastation of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands by Hurricane Maria. **Page S1978**

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 446, designating March 25, 2018, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. **Page S1978**

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, designating March 22, 2018, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”. **Page S1978**

National Women’s History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 448, designating March 2018 as “National Women’s History Month”. **Page S1978**

National Asbestos Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, designating the first week of April 2018 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”. **Page S1978**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 116, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1625, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1978**

McConnell (for Risch) Amendment No. 2226, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1978**

Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4547, to amend titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security

Act to improve and strengthen the representative payment program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1982**

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 S1886–92, S1892–S1931**

House Messages:

Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants. **Page S1968**

Consolidated Appropriations Act: By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 63) Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1979–80**

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2217 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S1979**

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

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 61), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S1978**

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 62), 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 motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1979**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2219, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1979**

McConnell Amendment No. 2220 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2219), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2219 (listed above) fell. **Page S1979**

McConnell Amendment No. 2221 (to Amendment No. 2220), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2220 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2219) fell. **Page S1979**

McConnell Amendment No. 2218 (to Amendment No. 2217), 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. 2217 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill) (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S1979**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Lankford be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from Friday, March 23, 2018 through Monday, March 26, 2018. **Page S1982**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S1982–83**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 3:45 p.m.; Monday, April 2, 2018 at 12 noon; Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 5, 2018, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

Boom Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. **Page S1980**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, March 23, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

Ring Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. **Page S1983**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1980**

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Pizzella Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S1980**

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Wheeler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Page S1980**

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Broomes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S1981**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1981**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1980**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1981**

Jennings Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Page S1981**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S1981**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1981**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1981**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Friday, March 23, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the African Development Fund, and United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank.

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and United States Governor of

the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years.

Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Robert K. Hur, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mark Schneider, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Tim Thomas, of Kentucky, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

James Edwin Williams, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Brent K. Park, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

David C. Joseph, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

26 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

6 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1983–84**

Messages from the House:

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| Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1) | Page S1978 |
| Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—63) | Pages S1978–80 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:31 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018 and adjourned at 1:01 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018, until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1983.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges in the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John C. Rood, Under Secretary for Policy, General Lori J. Robinson, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General James H. Dickinson, USA, Commanding General, Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army

Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, after receiving testimony from Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

WESTERN WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2018 Western Water Supply Outlook and the following Water Infrastructure and Drought Resilience Bills, including S. 2539, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize certain projects to increase Colorado River System water, S. 2560, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and S. 2563, to improve the water supply and drought resilience of the United States, after receiving testimony from Timothy Petty, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Derek I. Sandison, Washington State Department of Agriculture Director, Olympia; Kathryn Sorensen, City of Phoenix Water Services Department, Phoenix, Arizona; Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Laura Ziemer, Trout Unlimited, Bozeman, Montana; and Cindy Ortega, MGM Resorts International, Las Vegas, Nevada.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2018 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, Robert K. Hur, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, and David C. Joseph, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, all of the Department of Justice.