

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2227–S2288

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2692–2709, S. Res. 473–476, and S. Con. Res. 36–37.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2113, to amend title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for design and construction services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements. (S. Rept. No. 115–231)

S. 2413, to provide for the appropriate use of bridge contracts in Federal procurement, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–232) **Page S2261**

Measures Passed:

Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act: By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 76), Senate passed S. J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act”. **Pages S2227–40**

International Women’s Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day. **Pages S2280–83**

Authorizing Senators to bring young children onto the Senate floor: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 463, authorizing a Senator to bring a young son or daughter of the Senator onto the floor of the Senate during votes, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2283**

Death of former Senator John Melcher: Senate agreed to S. Res. 474, relative to the death of the Honorable John Melcher, Senator from the State of Montana. **Page S2283**

North American Aerospace Defense Command 60th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 475,

commemorating the 60th anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. **Page S2283**

National 9–1–1 Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 476, designating April 2018 as “National 9–1–1 Education Month”. **Page S2283**

House Messages:

Amending the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act: By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 77), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, with McConnell Amendment No. 2232 (to the amendment of the House to the bill). **Pages S2240–41**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2232 (to the amendment of the House to the bill).

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Bridenstine Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 78), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2241**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2018; and that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 1:45 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2283**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 79), Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education. **Pages S2241–48**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—79) **Pages S2239–40, S2240–41, S2241, S2248**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator John Melcher, in accordance with S. Res. 474, at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2283.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Brenda Burman, Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation, and Timothy R. Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Housing and

Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

ACCELERATING NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine accelerating new technologies to meet emerging threats, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Jerry D. Harris, Jr., USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, and Brigadier General Brian S. Robinson, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, both of the Headquarters United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

ROBOCALLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine abusive robocalls and how to stop them, after receiving testimony from Rosemary Harold, Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Marketing Practices Division, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Kevin Rupy, USTelecom, and Scott Delacourt, Wiley Rein LLP, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, both of Washington, D.C.; Margot Freeman Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts; and Adrian Abramovich, Miami, Florida.

OLYMPIC ABUSE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine Olympic abuse, focusing on the role of national governing bodies in protecting our athletes, after receiving testimony from Bridie Farrell, NY Loves Kids, Inc., Brooklyn, New York; Jordyn Wieber, Los Angeles, California; Jamie Dantzschler, Canyon County, California; and Craig Maurizi, Fair Lawn, New Jersey.