

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2805–2811, and S. Res. 502. **Page S2594**

Measures Reported:

S. 2503, to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs. (S. Rept. No. 115–241)

H.R. 589, to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs. (S. Rept. No. 115–242)

S. 1405, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–243) **Page S2594**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–36) **Page S2592**

Brennan Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S2565–89**

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 88), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2565**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, at 12 noon, on Thursday, May 10, 2018, all time on the nomination be considered expired and

Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that following the disposition of the Brennan nomination, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of John B. Nalbandian, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, May 10, 2018; and that if cloture is invoked on both nominations, the debate time run concurrently. **Page S2589**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Brennan nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 10, 2018. **Page S2597**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 87), Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S2560–65**

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S2589**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—88) **Pages S2564–65**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

May 10, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2597.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from James N. Mattis, Secretary, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Randy C. Reeves, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Jon J. Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Carolyn M. Clancy, Executive-in-Charge, Veterans Health Administration, and Thomas J. Murphy, Executive-in-Charge, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND FOREST SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine the law enforcement programs at the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, coordination with other Federal, state, and local law enforcement, and the effects on rural communities, after receiving testimony from Tracy Perry, Director, Law Enforcement and Investigations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Brian Steed, Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Utah State Representative Mike Noel, Salt Lake City; Jackson Brossy, Navajo Nation, Red Mesa, Arizona; and Paul J. Larkin, Jr., The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original

bill entitled, "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018", after receiving testimony from Jeff Bullock, Delaware Secretary of State, Dover, on behalf of the Diamond State Port Corporation; Pat Riley, Family Farm Alliance, Roundup, Montana; Dennis Sternberg, Arkansas Rural Water Association, Lonoke; Kristina Swallow, American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, Virginia; and Anthony Pratt, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Lewes, Delaware.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, and David B. Cornstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to Hungary, all of the Department of State, Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Jackie Wolcott, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTERNATIONAL PREDATORY ECONOMIC PRACTICES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy concluded a hearing to examine a multilateral and strategic response to international predatory economic practices, after receiving testimony from Michael Wessel, Commissioner, United States-China Economic and Security Commission; Matthew P. Goodman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Kimberly Glas, BlueGreen Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Chevy Chase, Maryland.