

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2891–2926, and S. Res. 519. **Pages S2834–36**

Measures Reported:

S. 1337, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to make certain strategic energy infrastructure projects eligible for certain loan guarantees, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–254)

S. 1563, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts. (S. Rept. No. 115–255)

S. 2200, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–256)

S. 2098, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2269, to reauthorize the Global Food Security Act of 2016 for 5 additional years.

S. 2800, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S.J. Res. 58, to require certifications regarding actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2834**

Measures Passed:

Trauma-Informed Care: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 346, recognizing the importance and effectiveness of trauma-informed care, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2838–39**

Authorizing Representation by Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, to authorize testimony and representation in *Colorado v. Willenberg*. **Page S2839**

House Messages:

Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2815–27**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S2815**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2246 (to the House Amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S2815**

McConnell Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2246), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2815**

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

By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 104), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S2815**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2248, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S2815**

McConnell Amendment No. 2249 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2248), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2248 (listed above) fell. **Page S2815**

McConnell Amendment No. 2250 (to Amendment No. 2249), of a perfecting nature, fell when

McConnell Amendment No. 2249 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2248) (listed above) fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, as under the order of Thursday, May 17, 2018, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 3:15 p.m.; that following disposition of the nomination, all post-cloture time on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill be considered expired; and that following disposition of the McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture in relation to the nominations of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson, and to be Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the order filed, and that if cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time run concurrently.

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Small Business 7(A) Lending Oversight Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that action with respect to H.R. 4743, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management within the Small Business Administration, be vitiated and Senate agree to the House request to return the papers on the bill, and authorize the Secretary of the Senate to return the papers on the bill to the House of Representatives.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 103), Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2017.

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Cheryl A. Lydon, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Sonya K. Chavez, of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Scott E. Kracl, of Nebraska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

J.C. Raffety, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—104)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2839.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, and David Kautter, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Energy, Water Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.