

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5115–S5226*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3255, and S. Res. 587. **Page S5130**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 612, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City. (S. Rept. No. 115–306)

H.R. 1547, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City. (S. Rept. No. 115–307) **Page S5130**

#### Measures Passed:

*Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act:* Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5219**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3403, to strike the provisions relating to nuclear energy innovation capabilities. **Page S5219**

*Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act:* Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5219–25**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3404, to strike the provisions relating to nuclear energy innovation capabilities. **Page S5219**

*Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2353, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5225**

Murkowski (for Alexander) Amendment No. 3408, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5225**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5122–26**

#### Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5122–26**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5122**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the purpose of Rule XVI in relation to Shelby Amendment No. 3399 (listed above), Division A of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division A of the amendment; Division B of H.R. 6147, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division B of the amendment; that H.R. 5961, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division C of the

amendment; and that H.R. 6072, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division D of the Amendment. **Page S5122**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. **Page S5225**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011 received during adjournment of the Senate on July 20, 2018; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-46) **Page S5129**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 86 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. EX. 163), Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S5118-22**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher P. Vincze, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2019.

Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Kathe Hicks Albrecht, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Keegan F. Callanan, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

David Armand DeKeyser, of Alabama, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Kim R. Holmes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Phyllis Kaminsky, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Jean M. Yarbrough, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Christopher R. Sharpley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, which was sent to the Senate on September 5, 2017. **Page S5226**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S5129-30**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5130**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S5130**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S5132-33**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5128-29**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5133-S5219**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5219**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—163) **Page S5122**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5225.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.