

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5227–S5314

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3256–3261, and S. Res. 588–591. **Page S5267**

Measures Passed:

National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 589, designating July 28, 2018, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”. **Page S5312**

Pioneer Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 590, recognizing the 171st anniversary of the arrival of pioneers belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah, and the contributions of the Church and its members to the United States and the world. **Page S5312**

National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 591, supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day. **Page S5312**

Drug Enforcement Administration 45th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 578, honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the 45th anniversary of the agency, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5312**

National Trademark Exposition of the United States Patent and Trademark Office: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 580, recognizing and supporting public awareness of the importance of trademarks and the goals and ideals of the National Trademark Exposition of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5312**

State Offices of Rural Health Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2278, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S5312–14**

Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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 S5230–40, S5240–62**

Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 164), Collins (for Heller/Brown) Amendment No. 3405 (to Amendment No. 3399), to increase the amount available for a Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance matching grants program for tax return preparation assistance. **Pages S5240–41**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 165), Collins (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3422 (to Amendment No. 3399), to require the Inspector General to update an audit report concerning on-time performance of Amtrak. **Pages S5240–41**

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 166), Murkowski (for Schatz/Hirono) Amendment No. 3407 (to Amendment No. 3399), to provide for a report on facilities of the Department of the Interior damaged by certain volcanic eruptions. **Pages S5255–58**

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 167), Murkowski (for Kennedy/Cassidy) Amendment No. 3430 (to Amendment No. 3399), to provide amounts for inspection of foreign seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood. **Pages S5255–58**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5230–40, S5240–62**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5230**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to call up the following amendments to Shelby Amendment No. 3399 (listed above): Moran Amendment No. 3433, and Udall Amendment No. 3414; and that at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, Senate vote on or in relation to Moran Amendment No. 3433, and Udall Amendment No. 3414, in the order listed, and that

there be no second-degree amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes. **Page S5314**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2019.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Tamara Bonzanto, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection). **Page S5314**

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

Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—167) **Pages S5241, S5258**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5314.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,120 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOAA'S BLUE ECONOMY INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's blue economy initiative, focusing on supporting commerce in American oceans and Great Lakes, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, USN (Ret.), Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

EMPOWERING U.S. AMATEUR ATHLETES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening and empowering United States amateur athletes, focusing on moving forward with solutions, after receiving testimony from John Engler, Michigan State University, East Lansing; Susanne Lyons, United States Olympic Committee,