

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, Agriculture Improvement Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7389–S7454*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3734–3740, and S. Res. 719–723. **Page S7431**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2369, to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission. (S. Rept. No. 115–425)

Report to accompany S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas. (S. Rept. No. 115–426)

Report to accompany S. 441, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 115–427)

Report to accompany S. 569, to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations. (S. Rept. No. 115–428)

Report to accompany S. 2160, to establish a pilot program under which the Chief of the Forest Service may use alternative dispute resolution in lieu of judicial review of certain projects. (S. Rept. No. 115–429)

S. 2773, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–430)

Report to accompany S. 3562, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns. (S. Rept. No. 115–431) **Page S7431**

#### Measures Passed:

*Interstate Transport Act:* Senate passed S. 1092, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to trans-

port knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7448–49**

Perdue (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 4073, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7448–49**

*Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act:* Senate passed S. 2961, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7449–52**

Perdue (for Blunt/Coons) Amendment No. 4074, to adjust the authorization of appropriations. **Pages S7449–52**

*Juvenile Justice Reform Act:* Senate passed H.R. 6964, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7452**

Perdue (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4075, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7452**

*Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act:* Senate passed S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program. **Pages S7452–53**

*Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act:* Senate passed H.R. 1872, to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China. **Page S7453**

*21st Century IDEA:* Senate passed H.R. 5759, to improve executive agency digital services. **Page S7453**

*Protecting Access to the Courts for Taxpayers Act:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3996, to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts

to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7453**

**Promoting Awareness of Motorcycle Profiling:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 154, promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7453**

**National Runaway Prevention Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 711, designating November 2018 as “National Runaway Prevention Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7453**

**Wreaths Across America Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 719, designating December 15, 2018, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Page S7453**

**Mercy Hospital and Medical Center Shooting:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 720, expressing the condolences of the Senate and honoring the memory of the victims of the shooting at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, on November 19, 2018. **Page S7453**

**National Chemistry Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 721, designating the week beginning on October 21, 2018, as “National Chemistry Week”. **Page S7453**

**Day of the Deployed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 722, designating October 26, 2018, as “Day of the Deployed”. **Page S7453**

**American College of Emergency Physicians 50th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 723, congratulating the American College of Emergency Physicians on its 50th anniversary. **Page S7453**

**Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay 40th Anniversary:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 565, honoring the 40th anniversary of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Kings Bay, Georgia, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7453–54**

Perdue Amendment No. 4076, to amend the preamble. **Pages S7453–54**

#### Measures Considered:

**Returns by Exempt and Certain Non-Exempt Organizations—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 64, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to “Returns by Exempt Orga-

nizations and Returns by Certain Non-Exempt Organizations”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S7412–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, and that Senate vote on adoption of the joint resolution at 12:15 p.m. **Page S7454**

#### Conference Reports:

**Agriculture Improvement Act—Conference Report:** By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. **Pages S7406–12**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S7391–95**

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yeas (Vote No. EX. 258), Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Page S7405**

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

Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022.

Don Munce, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7429–30**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7429**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7430–31**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Page S7431**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S7429**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7437–48**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7448**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7448**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—259) **Pages S7395, S7405, S7411**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:03 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7454.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHINESE AND RUSSIAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on recent Chinese and Russian naval activities from Vice Admiral Matthew J. Kohler, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare/Director of Naval Intelligence, and Lieutenant General Lori E. Reynolds, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Information, both of the Department of Defense.

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 7247–7263, and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 144 and H. Res. 1175 and 1177–1178, were introduced. **Pages H10102–03**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H10104**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 350, to exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–1073); and

H. Res. 1176, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–1074). **Page H10102**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10031**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H10036**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act:* S. 943, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act; **Pages H10039–41**

*Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Act:* H.R. 6140, amended, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to support the availability of HA–LEU for domestic commercial use; **Pages H10041–43**

*Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries Act:* H.R. 7217, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing coordinated care for children with complex medical conditions through a health home, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 428; **Pages H10043–53, H10083**

*Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2018:* S. 2465, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell