

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3047–3147

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2341–2353, and S. Res. 446–451. **Pages S3074–75**

Measures Passed:

Declaration of Bourbon Whiskey as a Distinctive Product of the United States: Senate agreed to S. Res. 446, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Congressional declaration of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the United States. **Pages S3049–50**

Honoring Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, commemorating and honoring the dedication and sacrifice of the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty. **Pages S3145–46**

Kids to Parks Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 450, designating May 17, 2014, as “Kids to Parks Day”. **Page S3146**

Measures Considered:

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 162, to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. **Pages S3047–55**

Hire More Heroes Act: By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 157), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3060 to H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S3058–64**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the amendment. **Page S3060**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S3064**

PRO FORMA—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 19, 2014, for a pro forma session only with no business conducted, and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. **Page S3146**

Costa Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S3058–60**

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

By 58 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 156), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3058**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, as provided for under the previous order; and, that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3146**

Barron Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Page S3064**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3064**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S3057, S3147**

Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

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By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 153), Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Page S3057

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

By 58 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 150), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Pages S3055–56

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 154), Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Pages S3057–58

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

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S3056

By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 155), James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Page S3058

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

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 152), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S3056

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2014.

Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Theodore G. Osius III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—157) Pages S3055–58, S3060

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:40 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine Surface Transportation Reauthorization, focusing on local perspectives on moving America, after receiving testimony from Mayor David R. Martin, Stamford, Connecticut; Mayor Sly James, Kansas City, Missouri; and John Robert Smith, Transportation for America, Paul S. Fisher, CenterPoint Properties Trust, on behalf of the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors, and Raymond J. Poupore, National Infrastructure Alliance, all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2322, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, with amendments.

THE THREAT OF BOKO HARAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine addressing the threat of Boko Haram, after receiving testimony from Robert P. Jackson, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Alice Friend, Principal Director for African Affairs, Department of Defense; and Lantana Adbullahi, Search for Common Ground, Jos, Nigeria.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew H. Schapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the

rank and status of Ambassador, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ONLINE ADVERTISING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine online advertising and hidden hazards to consumer security and data privacy, after receiving testimony from Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Alex Stamos, Yahoo! Inc., Sunnyvale, California; George Salem, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; Craig D. Spiezle, Online Trust Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Luigi Mastria, Digital Advertising Alliance, New York, New York.

U.S. TOBACCO USE AND REGULATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of tobacco use and regulation in the United States, focusing on progress and challenges, after receiving testimony from Tim McAfee, Director, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Mitchell Zeller, Director, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of Veterans Affairs health care, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Richard J. Griffin, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, and John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Daniel M. Dellinger, The American Legion, Joseph A. Violante, DAV, Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, D. Wayne Robinson, Student Veterans of America, Ryan M. Gallucci, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Phillip Longman, New America Foundation, all of Washington, DC; and Rear Admiral W. Clyde Marsh, USN, Retired, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4661–4668; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 98 were introduced. **Page H4434**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4434–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4660, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–448);

Conference report on H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–449);

H.R. 3530, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–450);

H.R. 4225, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–451); and

H.R. 3361, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–452, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3361, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–452, Pt. 2). **Pages H4433–34**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.
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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Edward Fassett, S.J., Jesuit Conference of the United States, Washington, DC.
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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4428.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, May 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, May 19

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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