

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5016, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4513–S4569*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2612–2618, and S. Res. 503–504. **Pages S4557**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity. **Pages S4557**

#### Measures Passed:

***Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4563–67**

***Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 1528, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location. **Pages S4567–68**

***National Child Awareness Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 503, designating September 2014 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and orga-

nizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States. **Page S4568**

***Direct the Senate Legal Counsel to Appear:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in *Menachem Binyamin Zivotofsky, By His Parents and Guardians, Ari Z. and Naomi Siegman Zivotofsky v. John Kerry, Secretary of State* (S. Ct.). **Pages S4568–69**

#### Measures Considered:

**Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2578, to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions. **Pages S4513–14, S4528–45**

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

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 228), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4535**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4535**

**Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2014, Senate begin consideration of S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, as provided under the previous order of July 10, 2014; that the debate time with respect to the bill and consideration of the amendments in order to the bill be modified as follows: Coburn

Amendment No. 3549—30 minutes equally divided; Vitter Amendment No. 3550—20 minutes equally divided; Flake Amendment No. 3551—10 minutes equally divided; and Tester Amendment No. 3552—30 minutes equally divided; that any remaining time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments as provided under the previous order; that upon disposition of Tester Amendment No. 3552, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote and all after the first vote be ten minute votes; with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect. **Pages S4545, S4569**

**Carnes Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S4545**

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 on Friday, July 18, 2014. **Page S4545**

**Birotte Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S4545**

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 Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S4545**

**Rosenberg Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S4545**

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 Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S4545**

**DeGravelles Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana. **Pages S4545–46**

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 Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S4546**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 227), Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S4514–27, S4569**

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

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 226), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4519**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which was sent to the Senate on May 22, 2014, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S4569**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S4551**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S4563**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—228) **Pages S4519, S4527, S4535**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4569.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### STRENGTHENING TRADE ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening trade enforcement to protect American enterprise and grow American jobs, after receiving testimony from John Wagner, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, and Richard DiNucci, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, both of Customs and Border Protection, and Lev Kubiak, Assistant Director of International Affairs, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Rick Blume, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Edward T. Hayes, Leake & Andersson, LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana; Joe Sanroma, American Honey Producers Association, Bunkie, Louisiana; and John C. Steinberger, Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, L.L.P., Washington, DC.

### BANKS SYSTEMIC IMPORTANCE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine what makes a bank systemically important, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Herring, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Bryn Mawr; James B. Thomson, University of Akron College of Business Administration, Akron, Ohio; Robert DeYoung, University of Kansas School of Business, Baldwin City; and Paul H. Kupiec, American Enterprise Institute, Fairfax, Virginia.

### DOMESTIC SPACE ACCESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces to examine options for assuring domestic space access, including how acquisition best practices can benefit future efforts, after receiving testimony from Alan Estevez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and General William L. Shelton, Commander, Air Force Space Command, both of the Department of Defense; Robert Lightfoot, Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Major General Howard J. Mitchell, USAF (Ret.), The Aerospace Corporation, and Yool Kim, RAND Corporation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel L.

Dumbacher, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

### THE FUTURE OF THE VIDEO MARKETPLACE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace, after receiving testimony from David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Justin Hurwitz, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln; John T. Stankey, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Jeffrey H. Blum, DISH Network L.L.C., and Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, DC; and Shawn Ryan, Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., Sherman Oaks, California.

### WATER AND WILDLIFE BILLS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing non-edible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program,