

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4851–S4974

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2651–2669, S. Res. 517–523, and S. Con. Res. 41.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2508, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–219)

S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos: Senate agreed to S. Res. 462, recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia, after agreeing to a title amendment and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3690, to amend the preamble.

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National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, designating August 16, 2014, as “National Airborne Day”.

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Measures Considered:

Bring Jobs Home Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of an amendment to the Agreement Between the Govern-

ment of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes of July 3, 1958, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–51)

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McDonald Nomination-Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs; that there be four hours for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Kaye, Mohorovic, and McKeon Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees prior to each vote; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4876**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, July 28, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be deemed expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S4974**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S4877, S4974**

Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S4877, S4974**

Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. **Pages S4877, S4974**

Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S4877, S4974**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—241) **Page S4876**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4974.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who

was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security, focusing on a fresh look at workers' disability insurance, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, and Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, both of the Social Security Administration; and Rebecca D. Vallas, Center for American Progress, and Richard V. Burkhauser, Cornell University and American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, DC.

IRAQ POLICY OPTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq at a crossroads, focusing on options for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Brett McGurk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; Elissa Slotkin, Performing the Duties of the Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Policy, and Michael D. Barbero, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired), both of the Department of Defense; and James Franklin Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near Eastern Policy, and Kenneth M. Pollack, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine making the Federal Emergency Management Agency more effective for streamlined disaster operations, focusing on the path to efficiency, after receiving testimony from John Roth, Inspector General, and Joseph Nimmich, Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Chris Currie, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Daniel Sutter, Troy University Johnson Center for Political Economy, Troy, Alabama.