

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2940–2946, and S. Res. 583–584. **Page S6148**

Measures Reported:

S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases. **Page S6148**

Measures Passed:

Commending Jerald D. Linnell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 584, commending Jerald D. Linnell on his service to the United States Senate. **Page S6159**

Resignation of Senator Tom Coburn: Senator Tom A. Coburn, of Oklahoma, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective January 3, 2015. **Pages S6141–42**

Pepper Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. **Page S6137**

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

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6137**

Sannes Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Pages S6137–38**

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

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6138**

Arleo Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S6138**

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

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 285), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6138**

Beetlestone Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6138–39**

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

By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 286), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6138–39**

Bolden Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S6139**

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6139**

Pepper, Sannes, Arleo, Beetlestone, and Bolden Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be 10 minutes in length. **Page S6107**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, and Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia; 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, in the order listed; that any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S6141**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jon M. Holladay, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

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Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

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Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

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Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu.

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Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve

concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros.

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Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

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Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Matthew Stuart Butler, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2015.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army.

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

Myrna Perez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2015, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—287)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6159.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY AND THE MORTGAGE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, focusing on balancing stability, growth, and affordability in the mortgage market, including an update on Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal home loan banks, after receiving testimony from Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparedness and response to public health threats, focusing on how ready we are, after receiving testimony from Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Tom Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Kathryn Brinsfield, Chief Medical Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Agency for International Development; and David Lakey, Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner, Austin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases;

H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; and

The nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine protecting our children's mental health, focusing on preventing and addressing childhood trauma in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Yvette Roubideaux, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, and Kana Enomoto, Principal Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Rick VandenPol, University of Montana National Native Children's Trauma Center, Missoula; and Verne Boerner, Alaska Native Health Board, Anchorage.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' mental health and suicide, after receiving testimony from Harold Kudler, Chief Mental Health Consultant, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Colonel Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, USA (Ret.), District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health, and The National Academies Institute of Medicine Committee on the Assessment of Ongoing Efforts in the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Washington, DC.; Master Sergeant Vincent Vanata, USMC (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project, Cody, Wyoming; Blayne Smith, Team RWB, Chicago, Illinois; Susan Selke, Katy, Texas; and Valerie Pallotta, Colchester, Vermont.

THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND PHONE SCAMS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the private industry's role in stemming the tide of phone scams, after receiving testimony from Steve Streit, Green Dot Corporation,