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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S799.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Lieberman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY FRAMEWORK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine private sector experience with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) framework, focusing on building a more secure cyber future, after receiving testimony from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Ann M. Beauchesne, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Paul Smocer, BITS/Financial Services Roundtable, and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, DC; and Jeff England, Silver Star Communications, Freedom, Wyoming.

IMPACTS OF VESSEL DISCHARGE REGULATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of vessel discharge regulations on shipping and fishing industries, after receiving testimony from Claudia Copeland, Specialist in Resources and Environmental Policy, Resources Science and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; James F. Farley, Kirby Offshore Marine, LLC, Houston, Texas; James H. I. Weakley, Lake Carriers' Association, Rocky River, Ohio; and Robert F. Zales, II, Bob Zales Charters, Panama City, Flor-

ida, on behalf of the National Association of Charterboat Operators.

ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WATER REGULATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to examine state and local impacts of Administration's proposed expansion of water regulations, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense; Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; E. Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma Attorney General, Oklahoma City; Adam H. Putnam, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Tallahassee; Lemuel M. Srolovic, Office of New York State Attorney General, Bureau Chief of the Environmental Protection Bureau, New York; Sallie Clark, El Paso County Commissioner, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; and Timothy Mauck, Clear Creek County Commissioner, Idaho Springs, Colorado.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016, after receiving testimony from Sylvia M. Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

ENDING MODERN SLAVERY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending modern slavery, focusing on the best way forward, after receiving testimony from Gary Haugen, International Justice Mission, Arlington, Virginia; Shawna Bader-Blau, Solidarity Center, and David S. Abramowitz, Humanity United, both of Washington, DC; James Kofi Annan, Challenging Heights, Accra, Ghana; and Shandra Woworuntu, Mentari, New York, New York.

DEFERRED ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine deferred action on immigration, focusing on implications and unanswered questions, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Eileen J. O'Connor, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Luke Peter Bellocchi, Wasserman, Mancini and Chang, PC, and Bo Cooper, Fragomen, Del Ray, Bernsen and Loewy LLP, all of Washington, DC; and Shawn Moran, National Border Patrol Council, Solana Beach, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 184, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings;

S. 209, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005;

S. 246, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 286, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes.

LOAN LEVERAGING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine loan leveraging in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Sami Jo Difuntorum, National American Indian Housing

Council, Washington, DC; Carol Gore, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Anchorage, Alaska; and Robert Gauthier, United Native American Housing Association, Ronan, Montana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

COMBATING FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating financial exploitation of vulnerable seniors, after receiving testimony from Judith M. Shaw, Maine Securities Administrator, Augusta; Page Ulrey, King County Prosecutor's Office, Seattle, Washington; Philip C. Marshall, Roger Williams University, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts; and Kathleen M. Quinn, National Adult Protective Services Association, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 699–745; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 14; and H. Res. 86–90, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dean Curry, Life Center Church, Tacoma, Washington.

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Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 50, to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 64.

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Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to

the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 63.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–4, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–14, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Reed amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–14) that requires an assessment of the effects that a proposed or final rule are expected to have on private property owners, including the use and value of affected property.

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Rejected:

Cummings amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–14) that strikes section 12 of the bill that would require federal agencies to conduct a retrospective cost-benefit analysis of any regulation at the request of the Chairman or Ranking Member of a Congressional Committee (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 61); and

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Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–14) that provides that in the event that the average annual rate of real gross domestic product (GDP) growth remains below 5 percent over