

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1511–S1557

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 739–748. **Page S1528**

Measures Considered:

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1517–22**

Pending:

Portman Amendment No. 270, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking. **Page S1517**

Portman Amendment No. 271, to amend the definition of “homeless person” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth. **Page S1517**

Vitter Amendment No. 284 (to Amendment No. 271), to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth. **Page S1517**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill at 11 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Pages S1551–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. **Pages S1551–52**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, hereby notifies the Senate of an amendment to the Majority membership appointment

made in the Senate on February 25, 2015, to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Senator Rubio, Co-Chair. **Page S1551**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 114th Congress: Senator Klobuchar. **Page S1551**

British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 114th Congress: Senator Leahy. **Page S1551**

U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 114th Congress: Senator Hirono. **Page S1551**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 114th Congress: Senator Kaine. **Page S1551**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 71), Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S1523, S1557**

Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S1522–23, S1557**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019.

Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—71) Page S1523

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m., and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday,

March 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's record on page S1552.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEATH MASTER FILE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal improper payments and errors in the Death Master File, after receiving testimony from Sean Brune, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner, Office of Budget, Finance, Quality and Management, and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, both of the Social Security Administration; David Mader, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Judy C. Rivers, Logan, Alabama.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1365–1384; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 150–151 were introduced. Pages H1660–62

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1662–63

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 639, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–41, Part 1);

H.R. 647, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–42);

H.R. 648, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–43); and

H. Res. 132, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress (H. Rept. 114–44). Page H1660

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Emmer (MN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1637

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H1638

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. Page H1638

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hurd wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. Page H1643

Recess: The House recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Page H1643

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: H.R. 639, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing; Pages H1638–41

Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act: H.R. 647, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain