

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1637–S1673.

Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 796–828, and S. Res. 105–106. **Pages S1659–61**

Measures Passed:

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, designating March 22, 2015, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”. **Page S1672**

Measures Considered:

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1638–57, S1672**

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. **Pages S1638–57**

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. **Pages S1638–57**

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. **Pages S1638–57**

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 75), 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 committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill. **Page S1641**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill. **Pages S1641–42**

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 76), 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 bill. **Pages S1641–42**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Pages S1642–57**

Budget Committee Reporting—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, that on Friday, March 20, 2015, between 12 noon and 2 p.m., it be in order for the Budget Committee to report out a concurrent resolution and that it be in order for the Senate to begin consideration of that resolution on Monday, March 23, 2015. **Page S1672**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Francine Berman, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Richard Christman, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2017.

Shelly Colleen Lowe, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Juan M. Garcia III, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2016.

Douglas J. Kramer, of Kansas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

LaVerne Horton Council, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. Routine lists in the Army.	Pages S1672–73
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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—76)	Pages S1641–42

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, March 23, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1672.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the Veterans Benefits Administration, after receiving testimony from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, James E. Manker, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Secret Service, after receiving testimony from Joseph P. Clancy, Director, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S.

Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, General Paul J. Selva, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Services, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force force structure and modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Lieutenant General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Operations, and Lieutenant General James M. Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Strategic Plans and Requirements, all of the Department of Defense.

REGULATORY REGIME FOR REGIONAL BANKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET: 2016

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2015, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2025.

CYBER INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine the evolving cyber insurance marketplace, after receiving testimony from Ben Beeson, Lockton Companies, Washington, D.C.; Catherine Mulligan, Zurich, New York, New York; Ola Sage, e-Management, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Michael Menapace, Wiggin and Dana, Hartford, Connecticut.