

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2361–S2417

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1064–1085, S.J. Res. 12–13, and S. Res. 148–151.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 114–34)

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

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Authorizing Use of Emancipation Hall: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Hubble Space Telescope: Senate agreed to S. Res. 149, recognizing the importance and inspiration of the Hubble Space Telescope.

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Civic and Government Education Programs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 150, expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools in the United States.

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National Safe Digging Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

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Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Senator Corker be recognized to offer an amendment to the pending substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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Newman Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, that there be 30 minutes 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 motion be in order.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General.

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

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 164), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—165) Pages S2371, H2378

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2417.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met to consider matters related to markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the successes of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to deliver safe, efficient, and effective public transportation services and projects, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Melaniphy, American Public Transportation Association, Janet Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Harry Lombardo, Transport Workers Union of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Barbara K. Cline, Community Transportation Association of America, Spearfish, South Dakota.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on airport issues and infrastructure financing, after receiving testimony from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, and Michael J. Minerva, American Airlines, both of Washington, D.C.; Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark M. Reis, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 995, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, with amendments;

An original bill relating to extension of the trade adjustment assistance program, and amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals;

An original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti; and

An original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.