

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2767–S2814

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1287–1312, and S. Res. 178. **Pages S2793–94**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 995, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements. (S. Rept. No. 114–42)

Report to accompany S. 1267, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti. (S. Rept. No. 114–43)

Report to accompany S. 1268, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program. (S. Rept. No. 114–44) **Page S2793**

Measures Passed:

Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1075, to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at First Street and Pan American Avenue in Douglas, Arizona, as the “Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2814**

Measures Considered:

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations. **Pages S2785–92**

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 176), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2785–87**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2787**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. **Page S2814**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2794–96**

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Additional Statements: **Page S2793**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2799–2813**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S2813–14**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—176) **Pages S2786–87**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2814.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Commissioner, both of the Federal Communications Commission.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the

proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016.

AMERICAN MINERAL SECURITY ACT OF 2015

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 883, to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, after

receiving testimony from Suzette Kimball, Acting Director, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Ed Fogels, Alaska Department of Natural Resources Deputy Commissioner, Anchorage, on behalf of The Interstate Mining Compact Commission; Red Conger, Freeport-McMoRan Americas, Washington, D.C., on behalf of National Mining Association; and Kevin J. Cosgriff, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, and Richard Silberglitt, The RAND Corporation, both of Arlington, Virginia.

CIVIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the civil nuclear agreement with China, focusing on balancing potential risks and rewards, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; and Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation and future of the Veterans Choice Program, after receiving testimony from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Donna Hoffmeier, Health Net Federal Services, Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion, Darin Selnick, Concerned Veterans for America, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Bill Rausch, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and Carlos Fuentes, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 2247–2284; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50; and H. Res. 254, 256–259, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2879–80

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2250, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–110); Supplemental report on H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military