

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2815–2896.

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1313–1337. **Pages S2849–50**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1269, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities. (S. Rept. No. 114–45) **Page S2849**

Measures Passed:

International Year of Soils: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 10, supporting the designation of the year of 2015 as the “International Year of Soils” and supporting locally led soil conservation, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2896**

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 1225, to clarify the support of Congress for voluntary landowner participation in certain conservation programs. **Page S2896**

Measures Considered:

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, May 14, 2015, following disposition of H.R. 644, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1314 be agreed to, the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1314 be agreed to, and that at 2 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1314, upon recon-

sideration; and that if cloture is invoked, the 30 hours of post-cloture consideration under rule XXII be deemed expired at 10 p.m. **Page S2834**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Senator Shaheen (Committee on Appropriations), and Senator Cardin (At Large). **Page S2896**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senator Peters (At Large), and Senator Schatz (Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation). **Page S2896**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and further amended by Public Law 113–281, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Cantwell, and Senator Blumenthal.

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Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Senator Udall (Committee on Appropriations), and Senator Hirono (Committee on Armed Services). **Page S2896**

Trade Bills—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2015, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1295, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, and H.R. 644, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, en bloc; that the Hatch amendments at the

desk, the text of which are S. 1267, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and S. 1269, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, respectively, be considered and agreed to, that no further amendments be in order, and that at 12 p.m., Senate vote on H.R. 1295, as amended, followed by a vote on H.R. 644, as amended, with no intervening action or debate, and that there be a 60 affirmative vote threshold needed for passage of each bill. **Page S2896**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-16) **Page S2848**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 177), Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Pages S2830-34**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—177) **Page S2834**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2896.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Bureau of Land Management, after receiving testimony from Neil G. Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May, 14, 2015.

AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE EAST AND SOUTH CHINA SEAS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine safeguarding American interests in the East and South China Seas, after receiving testimony from Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David Shear, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.

SECURING THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on fencing, infrastructure, and technology force multipliers, after receiving testimony from Randolph D. Alles, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine, Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, and Ronald Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Office of Border Patrol, all of Customs and Border Protection, and Anh Duong, Director, Borders and Maritime Security Division, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Science and Technology Directorate, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Michael John Garcia, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 986, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.