

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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN CHILDREN

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Indian Education, focusing on organizational challenges in transforming educational opportunities for Indian children, after receiving testimony from Charles Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior; Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Carri Jones, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, Minnesota; and Tommy Lewis, Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education, Window Rock, Arizona.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the constitutional right to counsel for indigents charged with misdemeanors, after receiving testimony from Neil Fulton, Chief Federal Public Defender for the Districts of North and South Dakota; Mark S. Cady, Supreme Court of Iowa Chief Justice, Des Moines, on behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices; David A. Singleton, Ohio Justice and Policy Center, Cincinnati; Robert C. Boruchowitz, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington; and Erica Hashimoto, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens.

BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending benefits legislation, in-

cluding S. 270, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, S. 602, to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, S. 627, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, S. 681, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, S. 1203, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Act of 2015", after receiving testimony from Senators Ayotte and Gillibrand; David R. McLenachen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration; Anthony M. Kurta, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Personnel Policy; Teresa W. Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy, Veterans' Employment and Training Service; and Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, Jeffrey Phillips, Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 2285–2314; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; and H. Res. 261, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 260, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to

prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–112).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Larry Kendrick, Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, Brownsville, Tennessee.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote.

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