

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1295, Trade Preferences Extension Act, as amended.
Senate passed H.R. 644, Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2897–S2948.

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1338–1359, and S. Res. 179. **Page S2933**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 460, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities. (S. Rept. No. 114–46) **Page S2933**

Measures Passed:

Trade Preferences Extension Act: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 178), Senate passed H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2907**

Adopted:

Hatch Amendment No. 1223, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2899**

Hatch Amendment No. 1240, to amend the title. **Page S2946**

Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act: By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 179), Senate passed H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2907–08**

Adopted:

Hatch Amendment No. 1224, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2899**

Hatch Amendment No. 1241, to amend the title. **Page S2946**

Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act: Senate passed H.R. 606, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income. **Pages S2913–14**

Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: Senate passed S. 1356, to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions. **Page S2933**

Kids to Parks Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 179, designating May 16, 2015, as "Kids to Parks Day". **Pages S2946–47**

Measures Considered:

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act—Agreement: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2926–27, S2947**

Pending:

Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2926**

Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Page S2926**

Hatch (for Lankford) Amendment No. 1237 (to Amendment No. 1221), to establish consideration of

the conditions relating to religious freedom of parties to trade negotiations as an overall negotiating objective of the United States. **Page S2926**

Brown Amendment No. 1242 (to Amendment No. 1221), to restore funding for the trade adjustment assistance program to the level established by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011. **Page S2926**

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

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, May 13, 2015, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, was agreed to. **Page S2908**

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By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 180), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate, upon reconsideration, agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2912–13**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Monday, May 15, 2015, the time until 5:30 p.m., be equally divided between the managers, or their designees, and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Brown Amendment No. 1242 (to Amendment No. 1221) (listed above) and Hatch (for Lankford) Amendment No. 1237 (to Amendment No. 1221) (listed above) in that order, with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the votes, and a 60 affirmative vote threshold for adoption. **Page S2926**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, May 18, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S2947**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Leslie E. Bains, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2015.

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Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2020.

Karl Boyd Brooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Samuel D. Heins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.

Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

37 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—180) **Pages S2907–08, S2913**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:01 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2947.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

END-USERS AND MARKET LIQUIDITY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory issues impacting end-users and market liquidity, after receiving testimony from Timothy G. Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Bruce Barber, ADM, Forsyth, Illinois, on behalf of Commodity Markets Council; Jeffrey L. Walker, Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services Power Marketing LLC, Carmel, Indiana; Michael D. Bopp, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Coalition for Derivatives End-Users; and Sean O. Cota, Commodity Markets Oversight Coalition, Bellows Falls, Vermont.