

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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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.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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 National Labor Relations Board, after receiving testimony from Mark Pearce, Chairman, and Richard Griffin, General Counsel, both of the National Labor Relations Board.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”.

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 411, to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land, S. 485, to prohibit the use of eminent domain in carrying out certain projects, S. 1017, to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the siting of interstate electric transmission facilities, S. 1037, to expand the provisions for termination of mandatory purchase requirements under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, S. 1196, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-ways on Federal land, S. 1201, to advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids, S. 1202, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for supplemental, backup, and standby power fees for projects for combined heat and power technology and waste heat to power technology, S. 1207, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid by the year 2030, S. 1210, to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to oil and gas production and distribution, S. 1213, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the Federal Power Act to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources, S. 1217, to establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, to establish an Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, S. 1219, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and to provide for the examina-

tion of the effects of net metering, S. 1220, to improve the distribution of energy in the United States, S. 1225, to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, S. 1227, to require the Secretary of Energy to develop an implementation strategy to promote the development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities, S. 1228, to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, S. 1231, to require congressional notification for certain Strategic Petroleum Reserve operations and to determine options available for the continued operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, S. 1232, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to modify provisions relating to smart grid modernization, S. 1233, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to expand the electric rate-setting authority of States, S. 1237, to amend the Natural Gas Act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Energy to approve certain proposals relating to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals, S. 1242, to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and whether a proposed LNG terminal would benefit regional consumers of natural gas before approving or disapproving an application for the LNG terminal, and S. 1243, to facilitate modernizing the electric grid, after receiving testimony from Brian P. Kalk, North Dakota Public Service Commissioner, Bismarck; and Erica Bowman, America’s Natural Gas Alliance, Jonathan M. Weisgall, Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Amy Ericson, Alstom Inc., Greg Dotson, Center for American Progress, and James L. Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Utility Department, all of Washington, D.C.

IMPROVING CARE FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a pathway to improving care for Medicare patients with chronic conditions, after receiving testimony from Patrick Conway, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Mark E.

Miller, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Washington, D.C.

CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on setting the rules for responsible global cyber behavior, after receiving testimony from Christopher M. E. Painter, Coordinator for Cyber Issues, Department of State; James A. Lewis, Center for

Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security, Baltimore.

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: 32 public bills, H.R. 2315–2346; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–53; H. Con. Res. 45–46; and H. Res. 262–264, were introduced. **Pages H3211–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3214–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 1806, to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–107, part 2);

H.R. 880, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–113); and

H.R. 1907, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–114, Part 1). **Page H3211**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2961**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2968**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Byrne wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H2972**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1191, to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and

for other purposes, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 226; and

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Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015: H.R. 2297, to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 227. **Pages H2983–2989, H2998–99**

Clarifying the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 2252, to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014. **Page H2999**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:27 p.m. **Page H3181**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: The House considered H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 15. **Pages H2999–H3206**

Agreed to:

Thornberry amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that makes technical, conforming, and clarifying changes in the bill; **Pages H3154–55**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–112: Young (AK) (No. 3) that expresses the Sense of Congress that Pacific Air Force's F-35A basing decision should be based on a base's capability to host fighter-based bilateral and multilateral training opportunities with international partners, have sufficient airspace and range capabilities to