

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. **Page S3088**

**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 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18) **Page S3056**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

**Page S3088**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3056**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3056**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S3057-58**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S3058**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3060-62**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S3062-71**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3054-56**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3071-87**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
**Pages S3087-88**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3088.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee

consideration an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), and 808 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### FAA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron Dorgan; Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; former Michigan Governor John Engler, Business Roundtable, Paul M. Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, and Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffery A. Smisek, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of Airlines for America.

### ENERGY SUPPLY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1199, to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, S. 1215, to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy, S. 1222, to amend the

Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, S. 1224, to reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate, S. 1226, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, S. 1236, to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1264, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, S. 1270, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1271, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, S. 1272, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms, S. 1276, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, S. 1278, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, S. 1279, to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, S. 1280, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, S. 1282, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act, S. 1283, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, S. 1285, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology, S. 1294, to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy

systems, and S. 1304, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, after receiving testimony from Abigail Ross Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; Susan N. Kelly, American Public Power Association, Arlington, Virginia; Randal S. Livingston, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, California; Franz A. Matzner, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Erik Milito, American Petroleum Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Brent J. Sheets, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

#### FEDERAL WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, after receiving testimony from Susan Metzger, Kansas Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary, Manhattan; Patrick Parenteau, Vermont Law School Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Thetford Center; Andrew Lemley, New Belgium Brewing Company, Fort Collins, Colorado; Mark T. Pifher, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Robert J. Pierce, Wetland Training Institute, Inc., Poolesville, Maryland.

#### FOSTER CARE GROUP HOMES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how to safely reduce reliance on foster care group homes, after receiving testimony from Joo Yeun Chang, Associate Commissioner, Children’s Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeremy Kohomban, The Children’s Village, New York, New York; Matthew J. Reynell, Children Awaiting Parents, Rochester, New York; and Alexandra Morgan Gruber, Hamden, Connecticut.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, both of the Department of

State, Marcia Denise Ocomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focusing on examining EEOC's enforcement and litigation programs, after receiving testimony from Jenny R. Yang, Chair, and P. David Lopez, General Counsel, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERAS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine body cameras, focusing on whether technology can increase protection for law enforcement officers and the public, after receiving testimony from Senator Scott; Peter A. Weir, First Judicial District, Golden, Colorado, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; Lindsay Miller, Police Executive Research Forum, and Wade Henderson, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jarrod Bruder, South Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Columbia.

#### 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:** 57 public bills, H.R. 6, 2405–2460 and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 272, 275–278 were introduced. **Pages H3386–88**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3390–91**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1119, to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–121);

H.R. 874, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–122);

H.R. 1156, to authorize the establishment of a body under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities (H. Rept. 114–123);

H.R. 1158, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–124);

H.R. 1162, to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–125);

H.R. 1561, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–126);

H. Res. 273, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2262) to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 880) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 22, 2015, through May 29, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–127); and

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1335) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–128).

**Page H3386**