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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3251.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015".

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING AND 302(b) ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016"; and

An original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

Also, committee completed its review of 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in S. Con. Res 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025.

UNITED STATES POLICY IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Iraq and Syria, after receiving testimony from General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Frederick W. Kagan, American Enterprise Institute Criminal Threats Project, and Brian Katulis, Center for American Progress, all of Washington, D.C; and Colonel Derek J. Harvey, USA (Ret.), University of South Florida Global Initiative for Civil Society and Conflict, Riverview.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015".

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Hahn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 365, to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, S. 472, to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 814, to provide for the conveyance of

certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Senator Heller; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Timothy M. Murphy, Acting Assistant Director, National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League, Boise; and Brett Stevenson, Wood River Bicycle Coalition, Hailey, Idaho, on behalf of the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 87, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to

encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism;

The nominations of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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: 81 public bills, H.R. 2487–2567; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 49–51; and H. Res. 280–285 were introduced. **Pages H3557–62**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3564–65**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Graves (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3509**

SPACE Act of 2015: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 284 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 262. **Pages H3511–34**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–17 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology now printed in the bill. **Page H3521**

Agreed to:

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–127) that makes technical corrections and requires a GAO report on state and municipal spaceports in the existing indemnification regime; **Pages H3524–25**

Grijalva amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–127) that broadens the coverage of experimental permits to include suborbital launch vehicles to allow for non-revenue testing; **Page H3525**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–127) that creates an independent