

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3731–S3848

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1502–1521, and S. Res. 192–193. **Pages S3775–76**

Measures Reported:

S. 710, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with amendments. **Page S3775**

Measures Passed:

Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3844**

McConnell (for Toomey) Amendment No. 1782, to change the effective date. **Page S3844**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 61 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 202), Portman Amendment No. 1522 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide additional amounts for procurement and for research, development, test, and evaluation for Stryker Lethality Upgrades, and to provide an offset.

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Reed (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1540 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to brief and submit a report to Congress on the administration and oversight by the Department of Veterans Affairs of con-

tracts for the design and construction of major medical facility projects. **Pages S3734, S3738**

By 48 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 204), Tillis Amendment No. 1506 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for the stationing of C-130 H aircraft avionics previously modified by the Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) in support of daily training and contingency requirements for Airborne and Special Operations Forces. **Pages S3734, S3754–55**

McCain (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1618 (to Amendment No. 1463), of a perfecting nature.

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McCain Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the Department of Defense from entering into contracts to facilitate payments for honoring members of the Armed Forces at sporting events. **Pages S3755–56**

McCain (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1551 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a study and report on the changes to the Joint Travel Regulations related to flat rate per diem for long term temporary duty travel that took effect on November 1, 2014.

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McCain (for Warner) Amendment No. 1571 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress on diversity among members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S3755–56**

McCain (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 1484 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on Air National Guard contributions to the RQ-4 Global Hawk mission. **Pages S3755–56**

McCain (for Heller) Amendment No. 1511 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional elements in the report on the plan on the privatization of the defense commissary system. **Pages S3755–56**

Rejected:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 203), Reed (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1494 (to Amendment No. 1463), to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S3734, S3753–54**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3734**

McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels. **Page S3734**

Reed Amendment No. 1521 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the availability of amounts authorized to be appropriated for overseas contingency operations pending relief from the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011. **Pages S3734, S3744–46**

Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security. **Page S3734**

Vitter Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units. **Pages S3738–39**

Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil. **Pages S3740–53**

Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to increase civil penalties for violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. **Page S3757**

McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government. **Pages S3756–57, S3758**

Reed (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations. **Page S3757**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, June 8, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S3844**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Measures Referred: **Page S3775**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S3775**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3771–75**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3781–S3844**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3844**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—204) **Pages S3738, S3754, S3755**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3844.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank of the United States, including S. 819, to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Fred P. Hochberg, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine security assistance in Africa, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Puneet Talwar, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, both of the Department of State; Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, African Affairs; and Lauren Ploch Blanchard, Specialist in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.