

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3977–S4062

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1535–1550, and S. Res. 198. **Pages S4021–22**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–61)

S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, with an amendment.

S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1000, to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas.

S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns

for disaster recovery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4020–21**

Measures Passed:

Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act: Senate passed S. 253, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4059–61**

150th Anniversary of the “Second Founding”: Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, commemorating the 150th anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, often referred to as the “Second Founding” of the United States. **Page S4061**

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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Withdrawn:

Ayotte (for Kirk) Amendment No. 1986 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1463), to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States. (By 31 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 206), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4012–16**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3986**

McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels. **Page S3986**

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 S3986**

Vitter Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units. **Page S3986**

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. **Page S3986**

Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to increase civil penalties for violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. **Page S3986**

McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government. **Page S3986**

Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations. **Page S3986**

McCain (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats. **Pages S3986, S3987–92**

Feinstein (for McCain) Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reaffirm the prohibition on torture. **Page S3986**

Fischer/Booker Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. **Page S3986**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McCain (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 12, 2015. **Page S4016**

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

Burr/McCain Amendment No. 1921 (to Amendment No. 1569), to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, rendered moot due to its incorporation into the modification of McCain (for Burr) Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463) (listed above). **Pages S3986, S3992**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 11, 2015. **Page S4061**

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 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–19) **Page S4020**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Eileen Maura Decker, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years. **Pages S4059, S4062**

John W. Huber, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years. **Pages S4059, S4062**

Eric Steven Miller, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years. **Pages S4059, S4062**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carolyn Patricia Alsup, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Paul Wayne Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Pages S4061–62**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—206) **Page S4016**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

June 11, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

PASSENGER RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine passenger rail safety, focusing on accident prevention and on-going efforts to implement train control technology, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Lauby, Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety and Chief Safety Officer, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Charles Mathias, Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and DJ Stadtler, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 319, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the

Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area, and S. 1483, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Murphy; and Victor Knox, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported 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", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

VERIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on verification and assessment, focusing on how to create a successful inspection regime from Joseph R. DeTrani, Intelligence and National Security Alliance, Washington, D.C., and Gary Samore, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and David S. Shapira, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, for a term expiring December 8, 2019, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.