

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, agreed to the request of the House for a conference, and authorized the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees, after taking action on the following motions and motion to instruct conferees proposed thereto: **Pages S4915–20**

Adopted:

McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S4919**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 230), Reed Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report fully fund the President's budget request for the Department of Defense, including \$534.3 billion in base budget funding and \$50.9 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations budget funding, thereby supporting the bipartisan view that the funding caps imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011 should be eliminated or increased in proportionally equal amounts for the revised security and non-security spending categories. **Pages S4919–20**

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

By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 229), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S4919**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Wicker, Ayotte, Fischer, Cotton, Rounds, Graham, Reed, Nelson, Manchin, Gillibrand, Donnelly, Hirono, and Kaine. **Page S4920**

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the letter of resignation from the United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors be printed in the record. **Page S4984**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Darlene Michele Soltys, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

52 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), which was sent to the Senate on February 25, 2015, from the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Pages S4984–85**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S4913, S4914, S4919, S4920**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016".

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the

United Nations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNDERSTANDING AMERICA'S LONG TERM FISCAL PICTURE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine understanding America's long-term fiscal picture, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S.1482, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid;

S.1300, to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations; and

The nominations of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Travis Randall McDonough, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2990–2994, 2996–3017; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 354–356, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2995, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–194).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Clyburn motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 13 ayes to 402 noes, Roll No. 424.

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Question of Privilege: Representative Pelosi rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution (H. Res. 355). Subsequently, Representative McCarthy moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on House Administration and was recognized for one hour on the motion.

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Agreed to the McCarthy motion to refer the resolution, H. Res. 355, to the Committee on House Administration by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 426, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 425.

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Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 2647, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, by a recorded vote of 262 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 428.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–192, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.”

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Agreed to:

Tipton amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–192) that requests stewardship contracts awarded prior to Feb. 7, 2014 shall be modified by the Secretary to include fire liability provisions described in Section 604(d)(7) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003;

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