*Thursday, July 16, 2015*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Senate passed S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, as amended.**

# Senate

## *Chamber Action*

***Routine Proceedings, pages S5133–S5175***

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1784–1803. **Page S5170**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1800, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–82)

Report to accompany S. 1705, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 114–83)

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. (S. Rept. No. 114–84)

S. 1599, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5169**

**Measures Passed:**

***Every Child Achieves Act:*** By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate passed S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5134–50**

Adopted:

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 244), Murray (for Coons/Rubio) Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 2089), to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S5134, S5140**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 245), Alexander (for Burr/Bennet) Modified Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the allocation of funds under subpart 2 of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S5135, S5140–42, S5148–49**

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 246), Murray (for Brown/Manchin) Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a full-service community schools grant program. **Pages S5135, S5142**

Alexander (for Hatch/Bennet) Amendment No. 2082 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 relating to early learning. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Warren) Amendment No. 2106 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include specialized instructional support personnel in the literacy development of children. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2130 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title I to support assessments of school facilities. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Murphy) Amendment No. 2186 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish the Promise Neighborhoods program. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Nelson) Modified Amendment No. 2215 (to Amendment No. 2089), to include partnering with current and recently retired STEM professionals and tailoring educational resources to engage students and teachers in STEM. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Manchin/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2222 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State plan requirements of section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support children facing substance abuse in the home. **Pages S5135, S5143, S5145–46**

Alexander (for Boozman/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2231 (to Amendment No. 2089), to support

professional development to help students prepare for postsecondary education and the workforce.

**Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Baldwin/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2188 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure States will ensure the unique needs of students at all levels of schooling. **Pages S5135, S5144**

Alexander (for Capito/Durbin) Amendment No. 2156 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State report card under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include the rates of enrollment in postsecondary education, and remediation rates, for high schools.

**Pages S5135, S5144**

Alexander (for Thune) Amendment No. 2232 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow extended services Project SERV grants under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be available for violence prevention activities.

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Murray (for King/Capito) Amendment No. 2256 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the definitions of eligible technology and technology readiness survey and to provide a restriction on funds.

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Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2240 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide resources needed to study and review Native American language medium schools and programs. **Pages S5135, S5144**

Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2249 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(c) of the ESEA to require States to provide an assurance regarding cross-tabulation of student data.

**Pages S5135, S5144–45**

Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities. **Pages S5134, S5144**

Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5134, S5144**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 242), Alexander (for Cruz/Lee) Amendment No. 2180 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for State-determined assessment and accountability systems.

**Pages S5134, S5139**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 243), Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2177 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for youth jobs. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5135, S5140**

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 247), Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2242 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish a Federal-State partnership to provide access to high-quality public prekindergarten programs from low-income and moderate-income families to ensure that they enter kindergarten prepared for success. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 248), 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 bill. **Page S5149**

***Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act:*** Senate passed S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965. **Pages S5158–63**

***Ensuring Access to Clinical Trials Act:*** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 139, to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5175**

**Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. **Page S5133**

**Pro Forma Session—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until 10:40 a.m., on Friday, July 17, 2015, for pro forma session only, with no business conducted; and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. **Page S5175**

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

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2020.

Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank

of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Mark A. Young, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S5175**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on February 5, 2015. **Page S5175**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5169**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5169**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5170–72**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5168–69**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S5174**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5174**

**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—249) **Pages S5139–47, S5149–50**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10:40 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5175.)

# *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

## FORESTRY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending Forest Service and forestry related bills, including S. 61, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana, S. 755, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1100, to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger, S. 1110, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, S. 1671, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, S. 1712, to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, and S. 1733, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land of the United States, and S. 1744, to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia, after receiving testimony from Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, ''Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016''.

## SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, including S. 1484, a bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 132, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 326, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and S. 1691, to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Steven A. Ellis, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mike Matz, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Durango, Colorado; Jim D. Neiman, Neiman Enterprises, Inc., Hulett, Wyoming, on behalf of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition; and Steve Swanson, Swanson Group, Inc., Glendale, Oregon.

## HEALTHCARE.GOV CONTROLS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine HealthCare.gov controls, focusing on observations on 18 undercover tests of enrollment controls for health-care coverage and consumer subsidies provided under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after receiving testimony from Seto J.

Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine human rights around the world, focusing on corruption, Global Magnitsky, and modern slavery, after receiving testimony from Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Mark P. Lagon, Freedom House, and Sarah Margon, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.

### WILDLIFE POACHING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine wildlife poaching, after receiving testimony from Jean Marc Froment, African Parks, Johannesburg, South Africa; George Wittemyer, Colorado State University Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, Fort Collins, on behalf of Save the Elephants; and Ian Saunders, The Tsavo Trust, and Ginette Hemley, World Wildlife Fund, both of Washington, D.C.

### OIRA'S ROLE IN THE REGULATORY PROCESS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' role in the regulatory process, after receiving testimony from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1599, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 3084–3113; and 3 resolutions, and H. Res. 366–368 were introduced. **Pages H5289–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5292–93**

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

H.R. 675, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–206);

H.R. 1607, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–207);

H.R. 1599, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–208, Part 1);

H.R. 1777, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–209);

H.R. 2395, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–210); and

H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–211). **Page H5289**

**Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 2898, to provide drought relief in the State of California, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 447. **Pages H5242–83**

Rejected the Bera motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 446. **Pages H5281–83**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–23 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 Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H5254**

Agreed to:

McClintock amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that makes one technical change and one clarifying change to the bill; **Pages H5271–72**

McNerney amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that adds water hyacinth to the list of invasive species to be considered for the pilot project established under the legislation; **Pages H5272–73**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that updates feasibility study completion requirements to align with a recently-signed MOU between the project joint powers authority and the Bureau of Reclamation; **Pages H5274–75**

Calvert amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that creates a more balanced approach between user group interests on the Restoration Fund Advisory Board by adding a seat for a member representing a wildlife entity that primarily focuses on waterfowl; **Page H5275**

Costa amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish an annual report detailing the in-stream flows released for the Central Valley Project and measured outcomes as a result of those flows; and **Pages H5275–76**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that improves due process by providing contractors of a federal water project in California and Oregon ESA applicant status, ensuring that contractors are properly informed of and may provide input to ESA consultations that may impact operations of the project (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 444). **Pages H5276–77, H5280**

Rejected:

Garamendi (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that sought to direct the Secretaries to collaborate with the California Department of Water Resources to install a fish screen at the Delta Cross Channel Gates (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 443); and **Pages H5273–74, H5279–80**

Grijalva (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that sought to fund water reclamation programs and water reuse projects so that the Bureau of Reclamation may investigate more opportunities to reclaim and reuse wastewater and naturally impaired ground and surface water in the 17 Western states and Hawaii (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 445). **Pages H5277–79, H5280–81**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5284**

H. Res. 362, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2898) and (H.R. 3038) was agreed to yesterday, July 15th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 20th, and that the order of the House of January 6, 2015, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day. **Page H5286**

**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2016: Mr. Larry Wortzel of Williamsburg, Virginia and Mr. Peter Brookes of Springfield, Virginia. **Page H5288**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5279–80, H5280, H5280–81, H5282–83 and H5283. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

# *Committee Meetings*

## REVIEWING THE U.S.-CHINA CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, held a joint hearing entitled "Reviewing the U.S.-China Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement". Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF, Retired, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN: ENSURING ACCURATE NUMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Ensuring Accurate Numbers and Administration Action". Testimony was heard from Susan S. Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children's Issues, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE AND ITS READINESS TO MEET THE EVOLVING THREAT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Federal Air Marshal Service and Its Readiness to Meet the Evolving Threat''. Testimony was heard from Roderick ''Rod'' Allison, Assistant Administrator, Office of Law Enforcement, Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

# *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the* SENATE

10:40 a.m., Friday, July 17

Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, July 20

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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