

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6661–S6771

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2037–2044. **Page S6699**

Measures Passed:

25th Anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 242, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 2663, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S6676**

Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 2664, to amend the preamble. **Page S6676**

Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 2665, to amend the title. **Page S6677**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 70, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S6765**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 73, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2nd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony. **Page S6765**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March. **Page S6765**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 61, amending 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, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6669–76, S6678–93**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640), to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran. **Pages S6670, S6672–76**

McConnell Amendment No. 2657 (to Amendment No. 2656), to change the enactment date. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2658 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2659 (to Amendment No. 2658), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2660, to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2661 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2660), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2662 (to Amendment No. 2661), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2015, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2015. **Page S6765**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2019.

Eduardo Castell, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Steven H. Cohen, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2015.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2021.

Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: Pages S6662, S6694–95

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6765.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FDA EFFORTS TO ENSURE FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ensure the safety of the food supply and protect American consumers, after receiving testimony from Stephen Ostroff, Commissioner, Michael Taylor, Deputy Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine, and Bill Tootle, Director, Office of Budget, all of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS TO COUNTER ISIL

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States military operations to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Under Secretary for Policy, and General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

GOLD KING MINE SPILL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill, after receiving testimony from Senators Gardner, Bennet, Udall, and Heinrich; and Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Syria, Iraq, and the fight against ISIS, after receiving testimony from Kimberly Kagan, Institute for the Study of War, Brian Katulis, Center for American Progress, and Michael Bowers, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.

REGULATORY REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine