

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7129–S7172

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2136–2146, S. Res. 278–279, and S. Con. Res. 22. **Pages S7159–60**

Measures Passed:

Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act: Senate passed H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7167–71**

Daines (for Thune) Amendment No. 2709, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7171**

Quarterly Financial Report Reauthorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3116, to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7171**

Daines (for Sasse) Amendment No. 2710, to protect privacy for the American public. **Page S7171**

White House Fellows program 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 22, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the White House Fellows program. **Page S7171**

Honoring Red Land Little League Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 279, honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, for the performance of the Team in the 2015 Little League World Series. **Page S7171**

Congratulating the University of Kansas: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 272, congratulating the University of Kansas for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Kansas, the United States, and the world, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7171–72**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S7129–31**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 8, 2015. **Page S7129**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany 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. **Pages S7131–56**

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

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 275), 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 conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S7136**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, with the time until 1 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that the time from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. be controlled by the Democratic manager, or his designee, and that the time from 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. be controlled by the Chairman, or his designee; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the conference report to accompany the bill be deemed expired at 2 p.m. **Page S7172**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Supplementary Agreement amending the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Czech Republic; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM—28) **Page S7159**

Messages from the House: **Page S7159**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S7130**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7167**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7167**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—275) **Page S7136**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7172.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John F. Campbell, USA, Commander, United States Forces-Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE AND ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential modernization of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and related energy security issues, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary of Energy; Admiral Dennis C. Blair, USN (Ret.), Commission on Energy and Geopolitics, Kevin Book, ClearView Energy Partners, LLC, and Sarah O. Ladislav, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jason E. Bordoff, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs

Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, New York.

U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Yemen and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, after receiving testimony from Mary Beth Long, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and Stephen A. Seche, The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, both of Washington, D.C.

NLRB JOINT EMPLOYER DECISION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Labor Relations Board's joint employer decision, after receiving testimony from Ciara Stockeland, MODE, Fargo, North Dakota; Edward Martin, Tilson Home Corporation, Austin, Texas; Mark G. Kisicki, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart, P.C., Phoenix, Arizona; and Michael Rubin, Altshuler Berzon LLP, San Francisco, California.

REGULATION AND MINORITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine regulation and minorities, after receiving testimony from Michael Barrera, The Libre Institute, Kansas City, Missouri; Timothy Sandefur, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; William C. Scott, Tristatz, LLC, Mosses, Alabama; Sabina Loving, Loving Tax Services, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Amit Narang, Public Citizen, Aaron Mair, Sierra Club, and Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending health and benefits legislation, including S. 717, to designate certain non-Department mental health care providers who treat members of the Armed Forces and veterans as providers who have particular knowledge relating to the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, S. 1676, to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1754, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the temporary increase in number of judges presiding