

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7677–S7731.

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2226–2233, and S. Res. 302–304. **Page S7720**

Measures Reported:

S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–162)

Report to accompany S. 1082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct. (S. Rept. No. 114–163)

S. 2138, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the review and acceptance of subcontracting plans, with amendments. **Page S7722**

Measures Passed:

Small Business Saturday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 304, recognizing November 28, 2015, as “Small Business Saturday” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses. **Page S7728**

Measures Considered:

Federal Water Quality Protection Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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”. **Pages S7679–7697**

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 295), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7697**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, was withdrawn. **Page S7697**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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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, November 5, 2015.

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Waters of the United States—Agreement: By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 22, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. **Page S7703**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, with the time until 12 noon equally divided in the usual form; and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President’s intent to terminate the designation of the Republic of Burundi as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), received during adjournment

of the Senate on October 30, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM—31)

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—296)	Pages S7697, S7703
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7731.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURE OF WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of warfare, after receiving testimony from General Keith B. Alexander, USA (Ret.), former Commander, United States Cyber Command, former Director, National Security Agency; Bryan Clark, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments; Paul Scharre, Center for a New American Security 20YY Future of Warfare Initiative; and Peter W. Singer, New America.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, and H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the propaganda in Europe, after receiving testimony from Benjamin Ziff, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, Maksymilian Czapurski, The Atlantic Council, and Heather A. Conley, Center for Strategic and International Studies Europe Program, all of Washington, D.C.; and Peter Pomerantsev, Legatum Institute, London, United Kingdom.

DATA BROKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law concluded a hearing to examine data brokers, focusing on whether consumers' information is secure, after receiving testimony from Justin Harvey, Fidelis Cybersecurity, Bethesda, Maryland; Pam Dixon, World Privacy Forum, San Diego, California; and Frank Caserta, Acxiom Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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: 39 public bills, H.R. 3879–3917; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 510–511, and 513, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 512, providing for further consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (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