

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7733–7774.

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2234–2241, and S. Res. 305–306. **Pages S7770–71**

Measures Passed:

Waters of the United States: By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate passed 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. **Pages S7735–43**

Congratulating the Kansas City Royals: Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, commending and congratulating the Kansas City Royals on their 2015 World Series victory. **Pages S7755–58**

National Apprenticeship Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, designating the week beginning November 2, 2015, as “National Apprenticeship Week”. **Page S7774**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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. **Pages S7743–55, S7758–69**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 5, 2015, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided in the usual form; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 11 a.m. **Page S7774**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S7769**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—297) **Page S7743**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REFORMING THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the Federal budget process, focusing on a biennial approach to better budgeting, including S. 150, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Senators Isakson and Carper; Representative David E. Price; former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives William G. Batchelder III, The Buckeye Institute, Columbus; and Robert L. Bixby, The Concord Coalition, Washington, D.C.

GAGGING HONEST REVIEWS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how gagging honest reviews harms consumers and the economy, after receiving testimony from Adam Medros, TripAdvisor LLC, Newton, Massachusetts; Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and Ira Rheingold, National Association of Consumer Advocates, both of Washington, D.C.; Eric Goldman, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California; and Jennifer Kulas Palmer, Hillsboro, Oregon.