

to proceed to consideration of the bill, was withdrawn. **Page S8055**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2015. **Page S8112**

House Messages:

Every Child Achieves Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, agreed to the request from the House for a conference, and authorized the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Pages S8029–34**

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

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 308), 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 McConnell motion to disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S8033**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Alexander, Enzi, Burr, Isakson, Paul, Collins, Murkowski, Kirk, Scott, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Murray, Mikulski, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, and Warren. **Page S8034**

Smith Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 30, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S8058**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S8111**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—308) **Page S8033**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8112.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNDERSEA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on undersea critical infrastructure protection from J.D. Williams, National Intelligence Officer for Military Issues, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Brandon Wales, Director, Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Susan McLellan, Naval Undersea Research and Threat Analysis Center, Office of Naval Intelligence, Captain Wesley Guinn, USN, Chief, Joint Operations Division (EUCOM/NATO), Joint Staff, and Larry Huffman, Director, Center for Operations, Defense Information Systems Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1143, to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes;

S. 1518, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce;

S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications;

S. 1916, to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934;

S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer

to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2206, to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years (Reappointment), Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the international climate negotiations, after receiving testimony from David Waskow, World Resources Institute, Lisa Jacobson, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and Stephen D. Eule, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy, all of Washington, D.C.; Julian Ku, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; and Oren M. Cass, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Lenox, Massachusetts.

AFTERMATH OF PARIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the aftermath of Paris, focusing on America's role from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Lawrence R. Silverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, all of the Department of State; Matthew D. Emrich, Acting Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate, and Barbara Strack, Chief, Refugee Affairs Division, both of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Spencer P. Boyer, National Intelligence Officer for Europe, National Intelligence Council, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, with amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020 (Reappointment), and Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; and

S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN EDUCATION LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 410, to strengthen Indian education, S. 1163, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, after receiving testimony from Lillian Sparks Robinson, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert MoQuino, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico; Glenabah Martinez, University of New Mexico College of Education, Albuquerque; and Michelle Accardi, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Arlington, Virginia.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Adoption Month, focusing on stories of success and meeting the challenges of international adoptions, after receiving testimony from Michele Thoren Bond, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Rick Wilkerson, Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint and Sports Surgeons P.C., Spencer; Christine Hutchins, Cambridge, Vermont; Katie Horton, Alexandria, Virginia; and Nicole Craig, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2106, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of

Veterans Affairs, S. 2134, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, S. 2170, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, S. 2253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational

benefits, and S. 2291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the processing of whistleblower complaints, after receiving testimony from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Liz Hempowicz, Project on Government Oversight, William Hubbard, Student Veterans of America, Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Diane M. Zumatto, AMVETS, and Tom Porter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 4055–4078; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73; H. Con. Res. 94; and H. Res. 532–533, were introduced. **Pages H8359–60**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8361–62**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 531, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4038) to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–342). **Page H8359**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8283**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8289**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Christopher Weidner, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania. **Page H8289**

Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act: The House passed H.R. 1737, to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending, by a yea-and-nay vote of 332 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 637. **Pages H8297–H8311, H8322**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that ensures that the costs and impacts to any veteran-owned business are included in the study

required by this bill for any future auto financing guidance put forth by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; **Pages H8309–10**

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that requires that CFPB, before issuing guidance on indirect auto financing, should also conduct a study on the cost and impacts such guidance to rural consumers and businesses; and **Page H8310**

Sewell (AL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that clarifies that nothing in this bill shall be construed to apply to guidance issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection that is not primarily related to indirect auto financing. **Pages H8310–11**

H. Res. 526, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1737) and (H.R. 511) was agreed to yesterday, November 17th.

Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act: The House passed H.R. 1210, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, by a yea-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 636. **Pages H8311–22**

Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 635. **Pages H8319–21**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–34 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8311**