

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 95, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8113–S8180*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2305–2331, S. Res. 319–321, and S. Con. Res. 25.  
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#### Measures Passed:

***Surface Transportation Extension Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 3996, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund.  
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***Program Management Improvement Accountability Act:*** Senate passed S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:  
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McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 2873, relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.  
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***National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act:*** Senate passed S. 2328, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act.  
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***Drive Safer Sunday:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, designating November 29, 2015, as “Drive Safer Sunday”.  
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***Adjournment Resolution:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 95, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.  
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***National Entrepreneurs’ Day:*** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 314,

expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday in November as “National Entrepreneurs’ Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.  
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#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:  
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#### Pending:

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812, in the nature of a substitute.  
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Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2813 (to Amendment No. 2812), to make a technical amendment.  
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812 (listed above), be withdrawn.  
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn.  
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#### House Messages:

***Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act:*** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 599, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.  
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#### Appointments:

***Congressional Award Board:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Karlos R. LaSane II of Nevada.  
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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 309), Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya. **Pages S8135, S8179–80**

Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

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Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman. **Pages S8135, S8179–80**

Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda. **Pages S8135, S8179–80**

Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland. **Pages S8135, S8179–80**

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

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Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

Shelly Colleen Lowe, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Steven M. Wellner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2020.

Luis A. Viada, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2018.

Diane Helen Rodriguez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Francine Berman, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Patricia Nelson Limerick, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Ann Calvaresi Barr, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training. **Pages S8170–71, H8179–80**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Georgette Mosbacher, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Phillip H. Cullom, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2017.

Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2017.

Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2020.

88 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S8176–79**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—309) **Page S8135**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 95, at 6:34 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8175–76.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment;

S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park;

S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest;

S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado;

S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado;

S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska;

S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, with amendments;

S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project;

H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions;

H.R. 1324, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado; and

The nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, all of the Department of Energy.

### DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine democratic transitions in Southeast Asia, after receiving testimony from Scott Busby, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and the Pacific, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and James Carouso, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Maritime and Mainland Southeast Asian Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, both of the Department of State; Mark Green, International Republican Institute, and Murray Hiebert, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kelley Currie, Project 2049 Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine human trafficking, after receiving testimony from Washington Deputy Attorney General Darwin P. Roberts, Olympia; and Yiota G. Souras, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia.

### IMPACT OF ISIS AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of ISIS on the homeland and refugee resettlement, after receiving testimony from Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of