

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3–S38

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2437, and S. Res. 343. **Pages S31–32**

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Former Senator Dale Bumpers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 343, relative to the death of Dale Bumpers, former United States Senator for the State of Arkansas. **Page S33**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. **Page S33**

Federal Reserve Transparency Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2232, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, with the time until 2:30 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. **Page S33**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 23, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, received during adjournment of the Senate on December 18, 2015; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread

in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–34) **Pages S3, S28–29**

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, received during adjournment of the Senate on December 18, 2015; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–35) **Pages S3–4, S28–29**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 82 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 1), Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S17–21, S38**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond G. Farmer, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of one year.

Thomas McLeary, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Michael J. Rothman, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Heather Ann Steinmiller, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Nelson Reyneri, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2018.

Todd A. Weiler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank

of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019.

Kelly Keiderling-Franz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Stephen Michael Schwartz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

12 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S34–38**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Patricia M. Loui-Schmicker, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on March 16, 2015.

Phillip H. Cullom, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on November 19, 2015. **Page S38**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Dale Bumpers, in accordance with S. Res. 343, at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S33.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR EVENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on assessing the recent North Korea nuclear event from Sung Kim, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, and Vann H. Van Diepen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State; Andrea Hall, National Intelligence Officer for WMD, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Abraham M. Denmark, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4359–4364; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; H. Con. Res. 106; and H. Res. 584, were introduced. **Page H280**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H281**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–392, Part 1);

H.R. 3662, to enhance congressional oversight over the administration of sanctions against certain Iranian terrorism financiers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–393, Part 1);

H.R. 3242, to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–394); and

H. Res. 583, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1644) to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure transparency in the development of environmental regulations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3662) to enhance congressional oversight over the administration of sanctions against certain Iranian terrorism financiers, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from January 14, 2016, through January 22, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–395). **Page H280**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H225**