

was reached providing that following morning business on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, that there be up to seven hours of debate, equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of that time, the committee reported amendment be agreed to; and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-40)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S633.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. DEFENSE POLICY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an independent perspective of United States defense policy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant General Thomas L. Conant, USMC (Ret.), former Deputy Com-

mander, Pacific Command, Wilmington, North Carolina.

UNDERSTANDING ISIL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine counterterrorism strategy, focusing on understanding ISIL, after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

SPENDING ON UNAUTHORIZED PROGRAMS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine spending on unauthorized programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Jessica Tollestrup, Specialist on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul L. Posner, George Mason University School of Policy, Government and International Affairs, Arlington, Virginia; and James A. Thurber, American University School of Public Affairs Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, Washington, D.C.

STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Stream Protection Rule, focusing on impacts on the environment and implications for Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act implementation, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Lanny E. Erdos, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management, Columbus; Clay Larkin, Kentucky Coal Association, Lexington; and Matt Wasson, Appalachian Voices, Boone, North Carolina.

STRAINS ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strains on the European Union, focusing on implications for American foreign policy, after receiving testimony from Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council, and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security Strategy and Statecraft Program, both of Washington, D.C.

CANADA'S FAST-TRACK REFUGEE PLAN

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Canada's fast-track refugee plan, focusing on implications for United States national security, after receiving testimony from Dean Mandel, Border Patrol Agent, Buffalo Sector, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, on behalf of the National Border Patrol Council; Guidy Mamann,

Mamann, Sandaluk and Kingwell, LLP, Toronto, Canada; David B. Harris, INSIGNIS Strategic Research Inc., Ottawa, Canada; and Laura Dawson, Wilson Center Canada Institute, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1983, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron L. Dorgan, The Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth; Mary Wakefield, Acting Deputy Secretary, Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, and Thomas Hamilton, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Direc-

tor, Indian Health Service, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Victoria Kitcheyan, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Winnebago; Sonia Little Hawk-Weston, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; William Bear Shield, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Gregory, South Dakota; and L. Jace Killsback, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health, Lame Deer, Montana.

TRANSPARENCY IN THE ASBESTOS TRUSTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for transparency in the asbestos trusts, including S. 357, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, after receiving testimony from Peggy L. Ableman, McCarter and English LLP, Wilmington, Delaware; former Washington State Attorney General Robert M. McKenna, Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP, Seattle; Mark Behrens, Shook, Hardy and Bacon L.L.P., Washington, D.C.; Elihu Inselbuch, Caplin and Drysdale, Chartered, New York, New York; and Susan Vento, St. Paul, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4441–4459; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 600–601, were introduced. **Pages H566–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H567–68**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H499**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H505**

Encouraging Employee Ownership Act: The House passed H.R. 1675, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H519–39**

Rejected the Frankel (FL) 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 recorded vote of 184 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 60. **Pages H537–38**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–43 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H526–28**

Agreed to:

Huizenga (MI) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that clarifies the disqualification from the exemption of any broker or associated person who is subject to suspension or revocation of registration, and the in-applicability of the exemption to any M&A transaction where one party or more is a shell company. **Pages H529–30**

Rejected:

Sherman amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to provide exclusions