

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S635–691.

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2497–2509, and S. Res. 362–364. **Pages S669–70**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 109, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the foot soldiers who participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches. **Page S691**

Congratulating the University of Mount Union Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, congratulating the University of Mount Union football team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Football Championship. **Page S691**

Honoring Former Senator Marlow Cook: Senate agreed to S. Res. 364, relative to the death of Marlow Cook, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. **Page S691**

Measures Considered:

Energy Policy Modernization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S637–46, S649**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S637**

Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Page S637**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements. **Page S637**

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

By 46 yeas to 50 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 16), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Murkowski Amendment No. 2953 (listed above). **Pages S645–46**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Murkowski Amendment No. 2953. **Pages S645–46**

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 17), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S646**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Page S646**

Appointments:

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 28 (114th Congress), appointed the following Senators to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senators McConnell, Blunt, and Schumer. **Page S691**

Ebinger Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, February 8, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa; that there be 30 minutes for debate on the nomination equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S650**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S691**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick A. Burke, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Stephanie A. Finley, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Claude J. Kelly III, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—17) **Page S646**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Marlow Cook, in accordance with S. Res. 364, at 5:47 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S691.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported one nomination in the Army.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John F. Campbell, USA, Commander, Resolute Support, and Commander, United States Forces—Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

INTERMODAL USF SUPPORT FOR RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine ensuring intermodal Universal Service Fund support for rural America, after receiving testimony from Darrington Seward, Seward and Son Planting Company, Louise, Mississippi; Steven K. Berry, Competitive Carriers Association, Washington, D.C.; James G. Carr, All Points Broadband, Ashburn, Virginia, on behalf of the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association; Michael Rapelyea, ViaSat, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., United States Cellular Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary Katherine Wakefield, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, who was introduced by Senators Hoeven, Heitkamp, and former Senator Kent Conrad, Andrew LaMont Eanes, of Kansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, and Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Vik Edwin Stoll, of Missouri, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.