

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1105–S1168

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2607–2615, and S. Res. 381–383. **Pages S1134–35**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “2016 Economic Report of the President”. (S. Rept. No. 114–218)

S. 2609, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national voluntary labeling standard for bioengineered foods. **Page S1134**

Measures Passed:

Rare Disease Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 380, designating February 29, 2016 as “Rare Disease Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1167**

Congratulating Iowa Community Colleges: Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, congratulating the community colleges of Iowa for 50 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world. **Pages S1167–68**

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use. **Pages S1106–32**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be agreed to, the committee-reported substitute amendment be withdrawn, and that Senator Grassley, or his designee, be recognized to offer a substitute amendment, Amendment No. 3378, and that the first three first-degree amend-

ments in order be the following: Feinstein/Grassley Amendment No. 3362, Shaheen Amendment No. 3345, and Toomey Amendment No. 3367; and that Senator Grassley or his designee, be permitted to offer a side-by-side amendment to Shaheen Amendment No. 3345, and Senator Leahy, or his designee, be permitted to offer a side-by-side amendment to Toomey Amendment No. 3367. **Page S1167**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Jean M. Dorton of Kentucky. **Page S1168**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1168.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national voluntary labeling standard for bioengineered foods.

FARM ECONOMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the state of the farm economy, after receiving testimony from Robert Johansson, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Patrick Westhoff, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, Columbia, Missouri; and Nathan Kauffman, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha, Nebraska.

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Transportation Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Peter V. Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Frank J. Larkin, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Chief Kim C. Dine, United States Capitol Police.

U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command, after receiving testimony from General Philip

M. Breedlove, USAF, Commander, United States European Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

LONG RANGE STRIKE-BOMBER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland received a closed briefing on the Air Force Long Range Strike-Bomber from Lisa S. Disbrow, USAF, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Randall G. Walden, Director, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, and William D. Bailey, System Program Director, Long Range Strike Bomber, all of the Department of Defense.

MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLAN SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the multiemployer pension plan system, focusing on recent reforms and current challenges, after receiving testimony from Joshua Gotbaum, The Brookings Institution, and Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, Triangle, Virginia; and Rita Lewis, West Chester, Ohio.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USAID BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Douglas Pitkin, Director, Bureau of Budget and Planning, and Hari Sastry, Director, Office of Foreign Assistance Resources, both of the Department of State; and Roman Napoli, Acting Director, Office of Budget and Resource Management, United States Agency for International Development.

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.