

McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill) (listed above).

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Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill).

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Directing Senate Legal Counsel—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. Res. 377, directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; that there be one hour of debate, equally divided in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on adoption of the resolution, with no intervening action or debate.

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Defend Trade Secrets Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets; that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form; and that following the use or yielding back of time, the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, 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 relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008 with respect to North Korea; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—45)

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—37) Page S1524

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:15 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1549.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard, Major General Brian Neal, Acting Director of the Air National Guard, Lieutenant General Timothy J. Kadavy, Director of the Army National Guard, Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief of the Army Reserve, Vice Admiral Robin R. Braun, Chief of the Navy Reserve, Lieutenant General James Jackson, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, Brigadier General Stephen L. Davis, USAF, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications, Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, and Calvin Scovel, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle and Air Force Remotely Piloted Aircraft Enterprises in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General David G. Perkins, USA, Commanding General, Army Training and Doctrine Command, and General Herbert J. Carlisle, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command, both of the Department of Defense; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine the Department of Defense's global counterterrorism strategy, after receiving testimony from Theresa M. Whelan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Office of the Secretary, and Brigadier General Michael E. Kurilla, USA, Deputy Director for Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

A routine list in the Coast Guard.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2016 Water Resources Development Act, focusing on policies and projects, after receiving testimony from JoEllen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and Lieutenant General Thomas Bostick,

Chief of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

DHS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Homeland Security management and acquisition reform, including H.R. 3572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, after receiving testimony from Russell C. Deyo, Under Secretary for Management, Charles H. Fulghum, Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, and John Roth, Inspector General, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, and Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, both of the Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1455, to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2256, to establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, to establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, to establish a grant program with respect to naloxone, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 480, to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2680, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide comprehensive mental health reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2687, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to improve plans of safe care for infants affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION ON U.S. WORKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded a hearing to examine the impact of immigration on United States workers, after receiving testimony

from Peter Kirsanow, United States Commission on Civil Rights; George J. Borjas, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Benjamin Johnson, American Immigration Lawyers Association, and Steven A. Camarota, Center for Immigration Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Dyssegaard Kallick, Fiscal Policy Institute Immigration Research Initiative, New York, New York.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing a fiscal crisis in America, focusing on a balanced budget amendment

to the Constitution, including S.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced, and S.J. Res. 6, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Durbin; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Stephen Moore, FreedomWorks, Alan B. Morrison, George Washington University Law School, and Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4749–4770; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 646–648, were introduced. **Pages H1418–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1420**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4360, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that a Federal employee who leaves Government service while under personnel investigation shall have a notation of any adverse findings under such investigation placed in such employee's official personnel file, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–454);

H.R. 3583, to reform and improve the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Emergency Communications, and the Office of Health Affairs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–455, Part 1);

H.R. 4404, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–456);

H. Res. 639, authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674 (H. Rept. 114–457); and

H. Res. 649, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 639) authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674 (H. Rept. 114–458).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1391**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1394**

Small Business Broadband Deployment Act: The House passed H.R. 4596, to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 124. **Pages H1396–1402**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1396**

Withdrawn:

Veasey amendment (Printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–453) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the FCC to also answer whether a permanent exemption would increase access to services offered by small internet service providers. **Pages H1400–01**

H. Res. 640, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4596) and (H.R. 3797) was agreed to yesterday, March 15th.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m. **Page H1401**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 14th:

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 125; and

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