

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1645–S1677*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2743–2749, and S. Res. 413. **Page S1673**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1077, to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1597, to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1767, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1878, to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2030, to allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2503, to establish requirements for reusable medical devices relating to cleaning instructions and validation data, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2511, to improve Federal requirements relating to the development and use of electronic health records technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1673**

#### Measures Passed:

*100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 406, recognizing the Girl Scouts of the United States of America on the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in the Girl Scouts, which has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere since 1916, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1676**

*Gold Star Wives Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, designating April 5, 2016, as "Gold Star Wives Day". **Page S1676**

#### Measures Considered:

**America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations. **Pages S1648–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. **Page S1676**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law. **Pages S1676, S1677**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

David C. Nye, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Pages S1676–77**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1666–73**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1673–75**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1675–76**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1676.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FCC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Commissioner, both of the Federal Communications Commission.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY VETERANS IN AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and benefits for military veterans in agriculture, after receiving testimony from Lanon Baccam, Military Veterans Agriculture Liaison, Department of Agriculture; Gary LaGrange, Soldier Agricultural Vocation Education, Manhattan, Kansas; Alison Perry, Central Oregon Veterans Ranch, Bend; Paul Kanning, Tom Tilda Farm, Flaxville, Montana; and John Ulrick, Chief Warrant Officer, USA (Ret.), Hillman, Minnesota.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Services, Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army Modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Military Deputy, and Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Lieutenant General Herbert R. McMaster, Jr., USA, Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center, and Deputy Commanding General, Futures, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Lieutenant General Joseph Anderson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of

the Army (G-3/5/7), and Lieutenant General John M. Murray, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army (G-8), all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine state of public shipyards to meet current mission needs and investment strategies to support future national security requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral William H. Hilarides, USN, Commander, United States Naval Sea Systems Command, and Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, USN, Commander, United States Navy Installations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### CONSUMER FINANCE REGULATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effects of consumer finance regulations, after receiving testimony from Leonard Chanin, Morrison and Foerster, David Hirschmann, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, both of Washington, D.C.; Todd Zywicki, George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law, Law and Economics Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Reverend Willie Gable, Jr., Progressive Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Housing and Economic Development Commission.

### ISSUES FACING U.S.-AFFILIATED ISLANDS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues associated with implementation in Palau, Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands, including S. 2360, to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, and S. 2610, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, after receiving testimony from Esther P. Kia'aina, Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

### RECENT IRANIAN ACTIONS AND NUCLEAR DEAL IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent Iranian actions and implementation of the nuclear deal, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Shannon, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.