

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1679–S1774*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2750–2757, and S. Res. 414–415. **Pages S1711–12**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 114–235) **Page S1711**

#### Measures Passed:

*Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act:* Senate passed S. 1638, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S1773–74**

*Municipality of Anchorage:* Senate passed S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1774**

*Congratulating the Villanova Wildcats:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 415, congratulating the 2016 national champions, the Villanova Wildcats, for their win in the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament. **Page S1774**

#### Measures Considered:

**America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limita-

tions, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1702–03**

#### Pending:

Thune/Nelson Amendment No. 3464, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1702**

Thune (for Gardner) Amendment No. 3460 (to Amendment No. 3464), to require the FAA Administrator to consider the operational history of a person before authorizing the person to operate certain unmanned aircraft systems. **Page S1702**

Thune Amendment No. 3512 (to Amendment No. 3464), to enhance airport security. **Page S1703**

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

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 40), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S1680–S1702**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the next amendments in order be the following, and that it be in order to call them up and considered offered in the order listed: Heinrich Modified Amendment No. 3482; Thune Amendment No. 3462; Schumer Amendment No. 3483; Thune Amendment No. 3463; and Cantwell Amendment No. 3490. **Page S1702**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2016. **Page S1774**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—40)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1774.)

**Committee Meetings***(Committees not listed did not meet)***USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy concluded a hearing to examine Department of Agriculture rural development programs and their economic impact across America, after receiving testimony from Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Craig Hill, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Milo; Monte Shaw, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Johnston; and Cris Somerville, Dakota Turbines, Cooperstown, North Dakota, on behalf of the Distributed Wind Energy Association.

**APPROPRIATIONS: USFS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

**APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Intelligence and Military Intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; and Marcel Lettre, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

**DHS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine research and development efforts at the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testi-

mony from Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Kathryn H. Brinsfield, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, and Huban A. Gowadia, Director for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition, Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8), and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, all of the Department of Defense.

**MILITARY JUSTICE REVIEW GROUP**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on the report of the Military Justice Review Group from Andrew S. Effron, Director, Military Justice Review Group, and Dwight H. Sullivan, Senior Associate Deputy General Counsel for Military Justice Personnel Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

**UNRELIABILITY OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL DATA**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the unreliability of Federal financial data, including the need to address the government's remaining financial management challenges and long-term fiscal path, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

**TRANSPORTATION SECURITY**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation security, focusing on protecting passengers and freight, after receiving testimony from Peter Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,