

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S1775–S1840

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2758–2769, and S. Res. 416. **Page S1809**

#### Measures Passed:

**Prosecution and Conviction of Mohamed Nasheed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 392, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the prosecution and conviction of former President Mohamed Nasheed without due process and urging the Government of the Maldives to take all necessary steps to redress this injustice, to release all political prisoners, and to ensure due process and freedom from political prosecution for all the people of the Maldives. **Page S1795**

#### Measures Considered:

**America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1778–94 S1795–S1802**

#### Adopted:

By 85 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 41), Thune Modified Amendment No. 3512 (to Amendment No. 3464), to enhance airport security. **Pages S1778, S1785–87, S1793**

By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 42), Heinrich Modified Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3464), to expand and enhance visible deterrents at major transportation hubs and to increase the resources to protect and secure the United States. **Pages S1779–81, S1787**

Thune (for Wyden/Merkley) Modified Amendment No. 3499 (to amendment No. 3464), to require a review of heads-up guidance system displays. **Page S1801**

Thune (for Collins) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3464), to continue the contract weather observers program through the end of fiscal year 2017 and to require the FAA report to identify the process through which the FAA analyzed the safety hazards associated with the elimination of the contract weather observer program. **Page S1801**

Thune (for Tester) Amendment No. 3505 (to Amendment No. 3464), to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the costs of deploying advanced imaging technologies at all commercial airports at which TSA security screening operations procedures are conducted. **Pages S1801–02**

Thune (for Heller) Amendment No. 3495 (to Amendment No. 3464), to improve employment opportunities for veterans by requiring the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to determine whether occupations at the Administration relating to unmanned aircraft systems technology and regulations can be incorporated into the Veterans Employment Program of the Administration. **Page S1785**

Thune (for Casey/Toomey) Modified Amendment No. 3458 (to Amendment No. 3464), to protect passengers in air transportation, pilots, and flight attendants from terrorists and mentally unstable individuals by requiring the installation of secondary barriers to prevent cockpit intrusions. **Page S1785**

#### Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 43), Nelson (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3483 (to Amendment No. 3464), to require the Federal Aviation Administration to establish minimum standards for space for passengers on passenger aircraft. **Pages S1786–87, S1789**

#### Pending:

Thune/Nelson Amendment No. 3464, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1778**

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 S1778**

Nelson (for Bennet) Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3464), to improve air service for families and pregnant women. **Page S1785**

Cantwell Amendment No. 3490 (to Amendment No. 3464), to extend protections against physical assault to air carrier customer service representatives. **Pages S1788–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S1840**

**House Messages:**

**Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act:** Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965.

**Pages S1794–95**

**Crenshaw Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee; that there be 30 minutes for debate only on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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

Dimitri Frank Kusnezov, of California, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Matthew Lehigh, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

Amy McIntosh, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Antonia Whalen, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Karl Boyd Brooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on May 14, 2015.

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**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1805–08**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1814–39**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1839–40**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1840**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—43) **Pages S1787, S1789**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:06 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1840.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Walter Koroshetz, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, Christopher Austin, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Department of Defense military construction and family housing, after receiving testimony from Peter J. Potochney, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary (Energy, Installations and Environment), Office of the Secretary, Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment), Department of the Army, Steven R. Iselin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment), Department of the Navy, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations, Environment and Energy), Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from former Representative Patrick J. Murphy, Acting