

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2067–S2108

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2799–2805, and S. Res. 425–430. **Pages S2098–99**

Measures Reported:

S. 2804, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–236)

S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism. **Page S2098**

Measures Passed:

Nevada Native Nations Land Act: Senate passed S. 1436, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2105–06**

National POW/MIA Remembrance Act: Senate passed H.R. 1670, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. **Page S2106**

Rutgers 250th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 311, honoring Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as Rutgers celebrates its 250th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2106–07**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 427, designating April 2016 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Page S2107**

Congratulating the University of South Dakota Coyotes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 428, congratulating the 2016 national champions, the University of South Dakota Coyotes, for winning the 2016 Women’s National Invitation Tournament. **Page S2107**

National Assistant Principals Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, expressing support for the designation of the week of April 11 through April 15, 2016, as “National Assistant Principals Week”. **Page S2107**

Cheyenne Mountain Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 430, supporting the designation of April 20, 2016, as “Cheyenne Mountain Day”. **Page S2107**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S2067–68**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations. **Page S2067**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Friday, April 15, 2016, count as the intervening day with respect to the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2107**

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 S2068–85**

Pending:
McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2068**

Thune Amendment No. 3680 (to Amendment No. 3679), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2068**

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

By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 45), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 18, 2016, notwithstanding rule XXII, Thune Amendment No. 3680 (to Amendment No. 3679) (listed above) be agreed to, McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679, as amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 18, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Beth M. Andrus, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

J. Michael Diaz, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Kathleen M. O'Sullivan, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—45) Page S2069

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday,

April 18, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2107.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to ensure protections of futures customers, to provide relief for farmers, ranchers, and end-users that manage risk to help keep consumer costs low.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2017";

An original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017"; and

302(b) Subcommittee allocations.

FIXED-INCOME MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a joint hearing to examine current trends and changes in the fixed-income markets, including S. 881, to ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Antonio Weiss, Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury.

KING COVE, ALASKA

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine options for addressing the continuing lack of reliable emergency medical transportation for the isolated community of King Cove, Alaska, after receiving testimony from Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, Juneau; Mayor Stanley Mack, Sand Point, Alaska; Denise Desiderio, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Nicole Whittington-Evans, The Wilderness Society, Anchorage, Alaska; Commander John Whiddon, USCG (Ret.), Kodiak, Alaska; and Della Trumble, King Cove, Alaska.