

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2012, Energy Policy Modernization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2205–S2350

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2820–2830, and S. Res. 432–434. **Page S2328**

Measures Passed:

Energy Policy Modernization Act: By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate passed S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States. **Pages S2207–89**

Global Food Security Act: Senate passed S. 1252, to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2344–50**

Fischer (for Casey) Amendment No. 3837, relating to global food security. **Pages S2346–47**

National Lineman Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, and the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2016, as “National Lineman Appreciation Day”. **Page S2350**

Parkinson’s Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 434, supporting the designation of April 2016 as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month”. **Page S2350**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and

related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2294–S2323**

Adopted:

By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 55), Alexander (for Schatz) Amendment No. 3802 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify funding for certain projects of the Department of Energy. **Pages S2320–21**

Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 56), Alexander (for Ernst) Amendment No. 3803 (to Amendment No. 3801), to eliminate funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, the Denali Commission, and the Northern Border Regional Commission. **Pages S2320–22**

Pending:

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2301**

Alexander Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify provisions relating to Nuclear Regulatory Commission fees. **Page S2301**

Alexander (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 3811 (to Amendment No. 3801), to prohibit the use of funds relating to a certain definition. **Pages S2322–23**

Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of April 18, 2016, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S2294**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the committee-reported substitute to the bill be withdrawn and that Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801 (listed above) remain pending and be considered the committee-reported substitute. **Page S2314**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2016, Senate vote on or in relation to Alexander (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 3811 (listed above); that it be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold for adoption; and that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote. **Page S2322**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2016.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—56)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2350.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Defense innovation and research, after

receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Stephen Welby, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

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 Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems, and Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), both of the Department of the Navy, and Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, after receiving testimony from Captain Walter M. Greenhalgh, MC, USN, Director for the National Intrepid Center of Excellence Directorate, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Captain Michael J. Colston, MC, USN, Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, both of the Department of Defense; and Amy E. Street, Deputy Director, Women’s Health Sciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Department of Veterans Affairs.

RESTORING STABILITY TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine restoring stability to government operations, after receiving testimony from Kevin A. Hassett, and Norman J. Ornstein, both of American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Philip