

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2915–S3001*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2943–2951, and S. Res. 469–471. **Page S2973**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals For Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 114–257)

S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 114–255)

S. 1724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–256)

H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities.

S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the “Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, with amendments. **Page S2973**

#### Measures Passed:

**POLICE Act:** Senate passed S. 2840, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training. **Pages S2933–35**

**National Public Works Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, designating the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016, as “National Public Works Week”. **Page S2998**

**Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic:** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2814, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2998**

#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2922–33, S2935–69**

#### Adopted:

Collins (for Paul) Amendment No. 3967 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide for the identification of certain high priority corridors on the National Highway System and to include and designate certain route segments on the Interstate System. **Pages S2964–65**

Collins (for Johnson) Amendment No. 3992 (to Amendment No. 3896), to ensure timely access for Inspectors General to records, documents, and other materials. **Page S2965**

Collins (for Nelson) Amendment No. 4011 (to Amendment No. 3896), to ensure the safety of properties covered under a housing assistance payment contract. **Page S2965**

Collins (for Isakson) Amendment No. 4024 (to Amendment No. 3896), to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a final rule requiring the use of speed limiting devices on heavy trucks not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act. **Page S2965**

Collins (for Warner/Kaine) Amendment No. 4042 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide additional funds for the National Park Service for certain projects. **Pages S2965–66**

Collins (for Kirk) Amendment No. 3997 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the inspection of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2966**

Collins (for Tester/Moran) Amendment No. 3998 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Perdue) Amendment No. 3933 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require a report on modernizing and replacing hangers of the Army's Combat Aviation Brigade. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 4030 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide access to therapeutic listening devices to veterans struggling with mental health related problems, substance abuse, or traumatic brain injury. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Daines/Tester) Amendment No. 4008 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require a report on the use of defense access road funding to build alternate routes for military equipment traveling to missile launch facilities. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Brown) Amendment No. 3920 (to Amendment No. 3896), to extend the requirement of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Inhofe/Lankford) Amendment No. 3969 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require that amounts be made available to Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks to assess, evaluate, and improve the health care delivery by and business operations of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 3935 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain marriage and family therapists as qualified to serve as marriage and family therapists in the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Flake) Amendment No. 4038 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs of an inspection or audit of the use of a grant to renovate a veteran's cemetery in Guam. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Manchin) Amendment No. 4043 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use amounts appropriated under this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the veteran-to-staff ratio for each program of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code. **Page S2967**

Collins (for Flake/McCain) Amendment No. 3980 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan on modernizing the system of the Veterans Health Administration for processing claims by non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers for re-

imbursement for health care provided to veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary.

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Collins (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3944 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016. **Page S2968**

Collins (for Johnson) Amendment No. 3993 (to Amendment No. 3896), to ensure timely access for Inspectors General to records, documents, and other materials. **Page S2968**

Collins (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3910 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the use of amounts for Medical Services to be used to furnish rehabilitative equipment and human-powered vehicles to certain disabled veterans. **Page S2968**

Collins (for Heller) Amendment No. 4005 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the progress of the Department of Veterans Affairs in completing the Rural Veterans Burial Initiative. **Page S2968**

Collins (for Durbin) Amendment No. 4029 (to Amendment No. 3896), to make funds available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire Medical Center Directors and employees for other management and clinical positions with vacancies. **Page S2968**

Collins (for Sasse) Amendment No. 4023 (to Amendment No. 3896), to protect congressional oversight of the executive branch by ensuring individuals may speak with Congress. **Page S2968**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2922**

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S2922, S2925–33, S2958–64**

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus. **Page S2922**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S2922**

McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness. **Page S2922**

Collins (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3946 (to Amendment No. 3900), to require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page S2922**

McCain/Blumenthal Amendment No. 4039 (to Amendment No. 3896), to extend and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish consistent criteria and standards relating to the use of amounts under the Medical Community Care account of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2016, that all post-cloture time be considered expired on McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above); that if cloture is invoked on Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above), McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), and McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), be withdrawn, that it be in order for Senator Collins, or her designee, to call up Amendment No. 3970, and that there be no second-degree amendments in order to Amendment No. 3970, or to McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). Page S2969

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2016, with the time until 11:15 a.m., equally divided between the two managers, or their designees.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49) Page S2972

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and Foreign Service. Pages S3000–01

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

Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

Carole Schwartz Rendon, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

34 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2998–99.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Telephone Consumer Protection Act at 25, focusing on effects on consumers and business, after receiving testimony from Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, Indianapolis; Becca Wahlquist, Snell and Wilmer L.L.P., Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform; Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, and Monica Desai, Squire Patton Boggs, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Lovich, American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management, Burbank, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2816, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program;

S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants;

S. 921, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and