

(listed above). Subsequently, the point of order against all of the emergency designations contained in the amendment was not sustained.

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By 88 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 78), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above).

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By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 79), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to 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. Subsequently, the point of order against the emergency designation found on page 3, lines 7 through 12, of the amendment was not sustained.

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Chair sustained a point of order that McCain/Blumenthal Amendment No. 4039 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), was not germane, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn.

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100th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising: Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in the journey of Ireland to independence.

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Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 23, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and that there be one hour of debate, equally divided in the usual form; provided further, that the Grassley amendment be agreed to, the committee-reported substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of S. 2613, as amended, with no intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ysaye M. Barnwell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Rena Bitter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

Anne S. Casper, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3036**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S3007–09, S3017–18**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:21 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3036.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Farm Credit System, focusing on the outlook of the current economic climate, after receiving testimony from Kenneth A. Spearman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Dallas P. Tonsager, and Jeff Hall, both a Board Member, all of the Farm Credit Administration; Gus Barker, Community Bank of Oelwein, Oelwein, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Doug Stark, Farm Credit Services of America/Frontier Farm Credit, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the Farm Credit System; Jed Welder, Trinity Farms, Greenville, Michigan; and Leonard Wolfe, United Bank and Trust, Marysville, Kansas, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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

An original bill (S. 2956) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; and

An original bill (S. 2955) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine improving communities' and businesses' access to capital and economic development, including S. 1802, to protect the investment choices of American investors, H.R. 3868, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to remove certain restrictions on the ability of business development companies to own securities of investment advisers and certain financial companies, to change certain requirements relating to the capital structure of business development companies, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise certain rules relating to business development companies, and H.R. 4620, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt certain commercial real estate loans from risk retention requirements, after receiving testimony from Ron G. Crane, Idaho State Treasurer, Boise; and Michael J. Arougheti, Ares Capital Corporation, on behalf of the Small Business Investor Alliance, Stephen W. Hall, Better Markets, Inc., and Drew Fung, Commercial Real Estate Finance Council, all of Washington, D.C.

OCS OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's 2017–2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, after receiving testimony from Abigail Ross Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; Mayor John Hopson, Jr., Wainwright, Alaska; Donald F. Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences, Cambridge; James H. Knapp, University of South Carolina School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment, Columbia; Athan Manuel, Sierra Club, Washington, D.C.; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University E.J. Ourso College of Business, Baton Rouge.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc.110–19), and the Convention on the Law Applicable to Certain Rights in Respect of Securities Held with an Intermediary (the "Convention"), done at The Hague on July 5, 2006, and signed by the United States on that same day (Treaty Doc.112–06), after receiving testimony from Judith G. Garber, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and John J. Kim, Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State; John Schoenecker, HM.CLAUSE, Davis, California, on behalf of the American Seed Trade Association; and Edwin E. Smith, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2942, to extend certain privileges and immunities to the Gulf Cooperation Council;

S. Res. 469, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in the journey of Ireland to independence; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's immigration policies, after receiving testimony from Thomas Homan, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Ronald Vitiello, Acting Chief, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Brandon

Judd, National Border Patrol Council, Malta, Montana; and Mark Krikorian, Center for Immigration Studies, and Alex Nowrasteh, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5282–5292, 5294–5302; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 741, were introduced. **Pages H2879–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2881**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4894, to repeal title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (H. Rept. 114–574, Part 1);

H.R. 496, to establish the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area in the State of California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–575);

H.R. 4680, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–576, Part 1); and

H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–577). **Page H2879**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2847, H2867**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017: The House passed H.R. 4974, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 129 nays, Roll No. 228. Consideration began yesterday, May 18th. **Pages H2849–67**

Agreed to the engrossment and third reading of the bill by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 227. **Page H2866**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Veterans Experience Office; **Pages H2850–51**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out the memorandum from the Veterans

Benefit Administration known as Fast Letter 13–10 or to prohibit the use of funds to create or maintain any patient record-keeping system other than those approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office; **Page H2851**

Mica amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of May 18, 2016) that increase funding for Veterans Health Administration-Medical Services by \$10 million; **Pages H2851–52**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used in contravention of sections 575.106 or 575.206 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations; **Pages H2852–53**

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in contravention of subchapter III of chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code; **Pages H2855–57**

Gibson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used to enforce VA Adjudication Procedure Manual M21–1, Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 1, Section H, Topic 28.h related to Developing Claims Based on Service Aboard Ships Offshore the RVN; **Page H2857**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2016) that was debated on May 18th that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce any Veterans Health Administration Directive relating to the prohibition on VA providers from completing forms seeking recommendations on opinions regarding a Veteran's participation in a state marijuana program (by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 221); **Pages H2861–62**

Fleming amendment that was debated on May 18th that prohibits the use of funds to modify a military installation in the United States, including construction or modification of a facility on a military installation, to produce housing for unaccompanied alien children (by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 222); and **Pages H2862–63**

Huffman amendment that was debated on May 18th that prohibits the use of funds to implement section 8(d)(2) of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration Directive 3220 of