

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 636, Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 524, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3173–3209, S. Res. 530–534, and S. Con. Res. 47.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2850, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program. (S. Rept. No. 114–301)

H.R. 1656, to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–302) **Page S5078**

Measures Passed:

Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3055, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5035–36**

Veterans' Compensation COLA Act: Senate passed H.R. 5588, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2016, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. **Page S5058**

Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 2893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and the bill was then

passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5091–92**

Grassley (for Blunt) Amendment No. 4973, to increase the amount of funds authorized to be appropriated to the National Recording Preservation Foundation. **Page S5092**

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: Senate passed S. 3207, to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats. **Page S5092**

Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1555, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5092–94**

140th Anniversary of the State of Colorado: Senate agreed to S. Res. 532, celebrating the 140th anniversary of the State of Colorado. **Page S5094**

United States Intelligence Professionals Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 533, designating July 26, 2016, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day". **Page S5094**

Relative to the Death of Former Senator William L. Armstrong: Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, relative to the death of William L. Armstrong, former United States Senator for the State of Colorado. **Page S5094**

Conference Reports:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act: By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 129), Senate agreed to

the conference report to accompany S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

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

By 90 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 126), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill.

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House Messages:

Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act: By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 127), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations.

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National Defense Authorization Act House Message—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 14, 2016, the Chair lay before the Senate the House message to accompany 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, and Senator McConnell be recognized to make a compound motion to go to conference on S. 2943; that after cloture is filed on the compound motion, the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the compound motion to go to conference; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate agree to the compound motion to go to conference and there be two motions to instruct in order made by Senator Shaheen and Senator Sullivan; that Senator Shaheen be recognized to offer a motion to instruct the conferees, and that there be up to four minutes of debate equally divided on the motion, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the Shaheen motion; following disposition of the Shaheen motion, Senator Sullivan be recognized to offer a motion to instruct the conferees and that there be up to four minutes of debate equally divided on the motion and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the Sullivan motion, without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 74 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 128), Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress for a term of ten years.

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1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Grant T. Harris, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Benjamin Osorio, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Mary Ellen Barbera, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018.

John D. Minton, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2016.

Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022.

Joseph R. Donovan Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Constance Smith Barker, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

John A. Herrera, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2021.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—129) **Pages S5028, S5041, S5045, S5066**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator William L. Armstrong, in accordance with S. Res. 534, at 8:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5094.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NUCLEAR CRUISE MISSILE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile, after receiving testimony from William Perry, former Secretary, John J. Hamre, former Deputy Secretary, Admiral C. D. Haney, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Robert Scher, Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, all of the Department of Defense; Franklin C. Miller, former Special Assistant to President George W. Bush and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control on the National Security Council; Rose Gottemoeller, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and Madelyn Creedon, Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

VETERANS AFFAIRS' ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future, after receiving testimony from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; Lauren Thompson, Director, Department of Defense/Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office; and LaVerne H. Council, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, and David W. Waltman, Program Executive, VistA Evolution, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Health, and Jonathan R. Nebeker, Deputy Chief Medical Information Officer for Strategy and Design, both of the Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine NASA at a crossroads, focusing on reasserting American leadership in space exploration, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Mary Lynne Dittmar, Coalition for Deep Space Exploration, Washington, D.C.; Michael Gold, Space Systems Loral, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Mark N. Sirangelo, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Louisville, Colorado; and Daniel L. Dumbacher, Purdue University College of Engineering School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, West Lafayette, Indiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1289, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California;

S. 718, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with an amendment;

S. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1007, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, with an amendment;

S. 1167, to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho, with an amendment;

H.R. 2288, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia;

S. 1448, to designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary in the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1577, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment;

S. 1623, to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, with an amendment;