

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5301–S5420

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3290–3298. **Pages S5368–69**

Measures Considered:

Water Resources Development Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2848, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, withdrawing the committee reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4979, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5356**

Inhofe Amendment No. 4980 (to Amendment No. 4979), to make a technical correction.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 8, 2016. **Page S5420**

Moment of Silence—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 8, 2016, Senate observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001. **Page S5420**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5420.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's proposal for a United Nations resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Rademaker, The Podesta Group, and Michael Krepon, The Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2711, to expand opportunity for Native American children through additional options in education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2959, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, with an amendment; and

S. Con. Res. 49, supporting efforts to stop the theft, illegal possession or sale, transfer, and export of tribal cultural items of Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in the United States and internationally, with an amendment.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2285, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, S. 3234, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, the Indian Trader Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to

provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, S. 3261, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, and H.R. 4685, to take certain Federal lands located in Tulare County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tule River Indian Tribe, after receiving testimony from Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Senior Policy Advisor, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Harvey J. Godwin Jr., Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke; Kenneth McDarment, Tule River Tribe of California, Porterville; and Derrick Watchman, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter David Counts, III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and E. Scott Frost, James Wesley Hendrix, and Irma Carrillo Ramirez, each to be a

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans Health Administration best practices, focusing on exploring the Diffusion of Excellence initiative, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Clancy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Organizational Excellence, Veterans Health Administration.

SECURING AMERICA'S RETIREMENT FUTURE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's retirement future, focusing on the Bipartisan Policy Center's recommendations to boost savings, after receiving testimony from former Senator Kent Conrad, and James B. Lockhart III, both of the Bipartisan Policy Center Commission on Retirement Security and Personal Savings, Washington, D.C.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5942–5950; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 847–848, were introduced. **Page H5161**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5162–63**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5178, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide educational and vocational counseling for veterans on campuses of institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–727). **Page H5161**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5099**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5106–07**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Marvin Jacobo, City Ministry Network, Modesto, CA. **Page H5107**

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 5063, to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the

United States is a party, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 488. **Pages H5119–36**

Rejected the Meng motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 487. **Pages H5134–35**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5124**

Agreed to:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that requires the head of each Federal agency to electronically submit a report to the Congressional Budget Office on each settlement agreement entered into pursuant to this bill; and

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Price (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that requires each agency's Inspector General to report annually to the House and Senate Committees on the Budget, the Judiciary, and Appropriations on any settlement agreement entered into by an during the previous year that are in violation of section 2. **Page H5131**