

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5891–S5911

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3353–3365, and S. Res. 572. **Pages S5906–07**

Measures Reported:

S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–354)

S. 2644, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–355)

S. 3270, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system’s response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5906**

Measures Passed:

Marcelino Serna Port of Entry: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5252, to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at 1400 Lower Island Road in Tornillo, Texas, as the “Marcelino Serna Port of Entry”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5910–11**

Charles Duncan Buried with Honor Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish caskets and urns for burial in cemeteries of States and tribal organizations of veterans without next of kin or sufficient resources to provide for caskets or urns, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5911**

Daines (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 5081, to make a technical correction. **Page S5911**

Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act: Senate passed H.R. 2615, to establish the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission. **Page S5911**

National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 572, designating November 5, 2016, as National Bison Day. **Page S5911**

Battle Monuments Commission: Senate passed H.R. 5937, to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to acquire, operate, and maintain the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marnes-la-Coquette, France. **Page S5911**

Measures Considered:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. **Pages S5893–S5905**

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

By 89 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 144), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5904–05**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2016; and that all time during recess or adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5911**

Appointments:

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–567, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Kenneth L. Wainstein of Virginia. **Page S5911**

Foreign Military Sale—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, Senator Paul, or his designee, be recognized to offer a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 39, relating to the disapproval of

the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of M1A1/A2 Abrams Tank structures and other major defense equipment; that there be up to 3 hours of debate equally divided between the proponents and the opponents, with Senator Paul controlling 30 minutes of the proponents time; Senator Murphy controlling 15 minutes of the proponents time; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge. **Page S5902**

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Additional Statements: **Page S5906**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5910**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—144) **Pages S5904–05**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5911.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General John E. Hyten, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

WELLS FARGO

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Wells Fargo's unauthorized accounts and the regulatory response, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; John Stumpf, Wells Fargo and Co., San Francisco, California; and James Clark, Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, Los Angeles, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the

Federal Republic of Nigeria, Andrew Robert Young, of California, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, and Joseph R. Donovan Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine South Sudan, focusing on options in crisis, after receiving testimony from Kate Alquist Knopf, Director, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Department of Defense; Jok Madut Jok, The Sudd Institute, Los Angeles, California; Luka Biong Deng KUOL, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo, Norway; and Peter Yeo, United Nations Foundation, Washington, D.C.

LABORATORY TESTING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine laboratory testing in the era of precision medicine, after receiving testimony from David S. Klimstra, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York; Brad Spring, BD Life Sciences, Baltimore, Maryland; Jeff Allen, Friends of Cancer Research, Washington, D.C.; and Karen Kaul, NorthShore University HealthSystem Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Evanston, Illinois.

U.S. SEED AND AGROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consolidation and competition in the United States seed and agrochemical industry, after receiving testimony from James C. Collins, Jr., DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware; Tim Hassinger, Dow AgroSciences, Indianapolis, Indiana; Erik Fyrwald, Syngenta AG, Basel, Switzerland; Jim Blome, Bayer CropScience LP, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; Robert T. Fraley, Monsanto, St. Louis, Missouri; Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Bob Young, American Farm Bureau Federation, and Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher Novak, National Corn Growers Association, Chesterfield, Missouri, on behalf of the American Soybean Association.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.