

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2539–S2564

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 942–953, and S. Con. Res. 13. **Pages S2553–54**

Measures Passed:

Kids to Parks Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 123, designating May 20, 2017, as “Kids to Parks Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Acosta Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

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

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—115)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2564.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine review of National Guard and Reserve programs and readiness, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Charles D. Luckey, Chief of the Army Reserve, Lieutenant General Maryanne Miller, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum, Chief of the Navy Reserve, and Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander of Marine Corps Forces Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

AMERICAN FREE ENTERPRISE IN SPACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine reopening the American frontier, focusing on reducing regulatory barriers and expanding American free enterprise in space, after receiving testimony from Robert T. Bigelow, Bigelow Aerospace, LLC, North Las Vegas, Nevada; Robert Meyerson, Blue Origin, Kent, Washington; George Whitesides, Galactic Ventures, Mojave, California; and Andrew Rush, Made in Space, Inc., Moffett Field, California.

WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the technical, scientific, and legal basis of the Waters of the United States Rule, after receiving testimony from Major General John Peabody, USA (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia; Misha Tseytlin, Wisconsin Solicitor General, Madison; Michael Josselyn, WRA, Inc., San Rafael, California; Ken Kopocis, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.; and Collin O’Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DUPLICATION, WASTE, AND FRAUD IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine duplication, waste, and fraud in Federal programs, including opportunities to reduce fragmentation and achieve other financial benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Keith D. Repko, Medical Center Director, St. Louis Health Care System, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 916, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RUNNING A SMALL BUSINESS IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities of running a small business in rural America, including S. 203, to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, S. 929, to improve the HUBZone program, and S. 444, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, after receiving testimony from John Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, Washington, D.C.; James E. Hobart, Alpaca Direct LLC, Hayden, Idaho; and Rob Riley, Northern Forest Center, Concord, New Hampshire.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 10, 2146–2182; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 279, 281–285 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 280, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1694) to require additional entities to be subject to the requirements of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain