

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2687–S2733

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1013–1036, and S. Res. 150–153. **Pages S2720–21**

Measures Reported:

S. 35, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–35)

S. 99, to require the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the President James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System. (S. Rept. No. 115–36)

S. 189, to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–37)

S. 287, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. (S. Rept. No. 115–38)

S. 331, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia. (S. Rept. No. 115–39)

S. 432, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 115–40)

S. 466, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest. (S. Rept. No. 115–41)

S. 501, 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. (S. Rept. No. 115–42)

H.R. 534, to require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expo-

sitions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2720**

Measures Passed:

Rule Relating to States Savings Arrangements for Non-governmental Employees: By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 120), Senate passed H.J. Res. 66, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees. **Pages S2692–S2715**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 119), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S2692**

Commending the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats: Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, commending the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats on their National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national championship victories. **Page S2728**

National Donate Life Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, expressing support for the designation of April 2017 as “National Donate Life Month”. **Page S2728**

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 153, expressing the sense of the Senate that, during Public Service Recognition Week, public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States. **Page S2728**

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 60, designating May 5, 2017, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2728**

House Messages:

Omnibus Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 244,

to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S2715–16**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S2715–16**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 210 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S2716**

McConnell Amendment No. 211 (to Amendment No. 210), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2716**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 212, to change the enactment date. **Page S2716**

McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 212), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2716**

McConnell Amendment No. 214 (to Amendment No. 213), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2716**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 5, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

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Wilson Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks, on Monday, May 8, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force; that there be 4 hours of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S2716**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S2692, S2715**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2728.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine defense innovation and research funding, after receiving testimony from Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary, William B. Roper, Jr., Director, Strategic Capabilities Office, and Steven H. Walker, Acting Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

DOD LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense laboratories and their contributions to military operations and readiness, after receiving testimony from Melissa L. Flagg, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Jeffery P. Holland, former Director, Engineer Research and Development Center, United States Army Corps of Engineers; John A. Montgomery, former Director of Research, Naval Research Laboratory, United States Navy; and Ricky L. Peters, former Executive Director, Air Force Research Laboratory, United States Air Force.

FLEXIBLE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine building a flexible personnel system (F.A.S.T. Force) for a modern military, after receiving testimony from former Senator James M. Talent, Kathy Roth-Douquet, and Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMC (Ret.), all of the Bipartisan Policy Center Task Force on Defense Personnel.

ECONOMIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR GROWTH

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economy and private sector growth, after receiving testimony from Michael R.