

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4255–S4332.

Measures Introduced: Thirty-six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1604–1639, and S. Res. 204–206. **Pages S4297–99**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act. (S. Rept. No. 114–67)

S. 1619, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–68)

S. 1635, to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016. **Page S4296**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 71 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate passed H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McCain/Blunt Modified Amendment No. 1974 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress on the security and protection of Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty, Iraq. **Page S4263**

McCain (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2030 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress on the coordination of hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on military land.

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McCain (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 1472 (to Amendment No. 1463), to exclude AbilityOne goods from the authority to acquire

goods and services manufactured in Afghanistan, central Asian states, and Djibouti. **Pages S4263–64**

McCain (for Daines) Amendment No. 1890 (to Amendment No. 1463), to modify the immediate applicability of basic allowance for housing for married members assigned for duty within normal commuting distance. **Page S4264**

McCain (for Coats) Amendment No. 1705 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for military exchanges between senior officers and officials of the United States and Taiwan. **Page S4264**

McCain (for Flake) Amendment No. 1720 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize transportation to transfer ceremonies for the family and next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who die overseas during humanitarian operations. **Page S4264**

McCain (for Gardner) Amendment No. 1708 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a strategy to promote United States interests in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. **Page S4264**

McCain (for Enzi) Amendment No. 1908 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for a small business procurement ombudsman. **Page S4264**

McCain (for Paul) Amendment No. 1678 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for the more accurate and complete enumeration of members of the Armed Forces in any tabulation of total population by the Secretary of Commerce. **Page S4264**

McCain (for Hatch/Inhofe) Amendment No. 1811 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for sustainment enhancement. **Pages S4264–65**

McCain (for Fischer/Booker) Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

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Reed (for King/Carper) Amendment No. 2020 (to Amendment No. 1463), to demonstrate the effects of a method to facilitate the disposal of excess Army property and management of underutilized and unutilized property by providing an exemption from

certain requirements for off-site use and off-site removal only of non-mobile properties. **Page S4265**

Reed (for Menendez) Modified Amendment No. 2050 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on the security relationship between the United States and the Republic of Cyprus. **Page S4265**

Reed (for Coons) Modified Amendment No. 1474 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve section 1204, relating to the National Guard State Partnership Program. **Pages S4265–66**

Reed (for Murphy) Amendment No. 1901 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on foreign procurements. **Page S4266**

Reed (for Warren/Merkley) Amendment No. 1902 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on problem gambling among members of the Armed Forces. **Page S4266**

Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1563 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly submit to Congress a report on the implementation of new or updated electronic health records in certain environments. **Page S4266**

Reed (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1703 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize the provision of post-traumatic stress disorder training to military and security forces of the Government of Ukraine. **Page S4266**

Reed (for Tester) Modified Amendment No. 1944 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reform and improve personnel security, insider threat detection and prevention, and physical security. **Pages S4266–68**

Reed (for Casey/Ayotte) Amendment No. 1747 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Department of Defense to support the security of Afghan women and girls during and after 2015. **Pages S4268–69**

Reed (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2006 (to Amendment No. 1463), relating to the policies of the Department of Defense on the travel of next of kin to participate in the dignified transfer of remains of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who die overseas. **Page S4269**

Reed (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve the annual reports of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau on the ability of the National Guard to meet its missions. **Page S4269**

McCain (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 2011 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for cooperation between the United States and Israel on anti-tunnel capabilities. **Pages S4269–70**

Reed (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1916 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a construction agent for

certain construction projects by the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S4270**

Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 808, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment. **Pages S4329–31**

Congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 205, congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2015 Stanley Cup. **Page S4332**

Congratulating the Golden State Warriors: Senate agreed to S. Res. 206, congratulating the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2015 National Basketball Association Championship. **Page S4332**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 216), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S4275–76**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4276**

House Messages:

Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act House Message—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4290**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S4290**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 2060 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S4290**

McConnell Amendment No. 2061 (to Amendment No. 2060), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4290**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2062, to change the enactment date. **Page S4290**

McConnell Amendment No. 2063 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2062), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4290**

McConnell Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2063), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4290**

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 Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

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Trade Preferences Extension Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4290–92**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4291**

McConnell Amendment No. 2066 (to Amendment No. 2065), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2067, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2068 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2067), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4291**

McConnell Amendment No. 2069 (to Amendment No. 2068), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4291**

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, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment 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 upon disposition of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50. **Page S4291**

National Defense Authorization Act Printing—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 1735, to authorize ap-

propriations for fiscal year 2016 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, as amended, and passed by the Senate, be printed. **Page S4328**

H.R. 2146, and H.R. 1295 Filing Deadline—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and to H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, be at 4 p.m., on Monday, June 22, 2015. **Page S4332**

Neffenger and Elliott Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 22, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Measures Referred: **Pages S4295–96**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4294–95**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4307–28**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4328**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—216) **Pages S4275, S4276**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, “Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016”; and

An original bill entitled, “Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,659 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 593, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, S. 982, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law, S. 1305, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, S. 1365, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, S. 1291, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska, S. 1552, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and S. 1533, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new

surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, after receiving testimony from Dionne Thompson, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Charles V. Stern, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jerry Meissner, Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority, Circle, Montana; Adam P. Schempp, Environmental Law Institute, and Ryan R. Yates, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Anthony Willardson, Western States Water Council, Murray, Utah.

FUTURE OF HIGHWAY FUNDING

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges to the future of highway funding, after receiving testimony from Joseph Kile, Assistant Director for Microeconomic Studies, Congressional Budget Office; and former Representative Ray LaHood, Building America’s Future, and Stephen Moore, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s management of the renewable fuel standard program, after receiving testimony from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence committee.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2818–2821, 2823–2842, and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 57; and H. Res. 326–332, were introduced. **Pages H4541–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4543–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2390, to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–168, Part 1);

H.R. 1646, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how small and medium sized unmanned aerial systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the effects of such an attack, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–169, Part 1); and

H.R. 2822, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–170).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speakers approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4495, H4507**

Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–167 to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 374. **Pages H4507–25**

H. Res. 321, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2146) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 373, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H4497–H4507**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 321 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 160, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, by a yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 375. Consideration began yesterday, June 17th. **Pages H4525–26**

H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to yesterday, June 17th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, June 19th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 23rd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4528**

Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 1190, to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H4528–35**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–157 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4535**

H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to yesterday, June 17th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4506–07, H4524–25, and H4525. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE REVIEW AND LABELING OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN FOOD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “A National Framework for the Review and Labeling of Biotechnology in Food”. Testimony was heard from Todd W. Daloz, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Vermont Attorney General; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CUBA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “The Future of Property Rights in Cuba”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 320, the “Rapid DNA Act”. Testimony was heard from Amy Hess, Executive Assistant Director of Science and Technology, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 19, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, June 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 12 noon.

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