

without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Record Votes: Twenty-one record votes were taken today. (Total—331) Pages S8341–50, S8352–57, S8364

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:53 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8426.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPORTING THE WARFIGHTER

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting the warfighter of today and tomorrow, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, former Secretary of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, USA (Ret.), former Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), former National Security Advisor to the President, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and Commander,

United States European Command, and 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, including perspectives on the Act's impacts in Alaska and suggestions for improvements to the Act, after receiving testimony from Alaska Governor Bill Walker, Juneau; Alaska State Senator John Coghill, Fairbanks, on behalf of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas in Alaska; Anna M. Seidman, Safari Club International, Washington, D.C.; and Rod Arno, Alaska Outdoor Council, Valerie Brown, Trustees for Alaska, Joshua M. Kindred, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, and J.P. Tangen, all of Anchorage, Alaska.

U.S. ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the United States role in the Middle East from Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State, and Stephen J. Hadley, former National Security Advisor, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert A. Salerno, and Darlene Michele Soltys, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2019 (Reappointment), after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4165–4183; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 548–553 were introduced. Pages H9010–12

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9012–13

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 195, to terminate the Election Assistance Commission (H. Rept. 114–361);

H.R. 412, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns (H. Rept. 114–362, Part 1);

H.R. 3869, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require State and local coordination on cybersecurity with the national cybersecurity and

communications integration center, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–363);

H.R. 3106, to authorize Department major medical facility construction projects for fiscal year 2015, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of Department medical facility construction projects, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–364);

H.R. 2915, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–365);

H.R. 1107, 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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–366);

S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates (H. Rept. 114–367); and

S. 1629, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–368).

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North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 8, to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 672.

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Rejected the Cartwright motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 671.

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Agreed to:

Cramer amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that was debated on December 2nd that authorizes voluntary vegetation management within 150 feet of the exterior boundary of the right-of-way near structures; prevents sale of vegetation and limits legal liability (by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 668); and

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Rouzer amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that was debated on December 2nd that repeals the March 2015 EPA final rule establishing federal standards for residential wood heaters (by a

recorded vote of 247 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 669).

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Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that was debated on December 2nd that sought to prohibit the Act from taking effect until after the Energy Information Administration analyzed and published a report on the carbon impacts of the Act's provisions (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 670).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 542, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) and the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1177) was agreed to yesterday, December 2nd.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 22, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 673.

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H. Res. 546, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 22) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 384 ayes to 40 noes, Roll No. 667, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 666.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 7th for Morning Hour debate.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8982–83, H8983, H8984, H8984–85, H8985, H8986–87, H8987–88 and H8999–H9000. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EFFECTS OF REDUCED INFRASTRUCTURE AND BASE OPERATING SUPPORT INVESTMENTS ON READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled "Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Readiness". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General David D. Halverson, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, U.S. Army; Major General Robert P. White, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7, U.S. Army Forces Command;