

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3009–S3088

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1368–1389, and S. Res. 180–182. **Pages S3059–60**

Measures Reported:

S. 1376, 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. (S. Rept. No. 114–49) **Page S3058**

Measures Passed:

Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 2252, to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014. **Page S3014**

National Schizencephaly Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, designating May 19, 2015, as “National Schizencephaly Awareness Day”. **Page S3088**

Department of Defense Laboratory Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”. **Page S3088**

Measures Considered:

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3015–24, S3024–53**

Pending:

Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3015**

Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Page S3015**

Hatch (for Inhofe/Coons) Modified Amendment No. 1312 (to Amendment No. 1221), to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements. **Pages S3015, S3026–30**

Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program. **Pages S3015, S3017–22**

Stabenow (for Portman) Amendment No. 1299 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States to address currency manipulation in trade agreements. **Pages S3015, S3022–24, S3052–53**

Brown Amendment No. 1251 (to Amendment No. 1221), to require the approval of Congress before additional countries may join the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. **Pages S3015, S3024–25, S3052**

Wyden (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses. **Pages S3015, S3017**

Wyden (for Warren) Amendment No. 1327 (to Amendment No. 1221), to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures to an implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade agreement that includes investor-state dispute settlement. **Pages S3015, S3025–26, S3031–33**

Hatch Modified Amendment No. 1411 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1299), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3052, S3053**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Hatch Amendment No. 1221 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 Thursday, May 21, 2015. **Page S3051**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Hatch Amendment No. 1221 to the bill. **Pages S3051–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. **Page S3088**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18) **Page S3056**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House: **Page S3056**

Measures Referred: **Page S3056**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3054-56**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3071-87**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3088.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee

consideration an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), and 808 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron Dorgan; Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; former Michigan Governor John Engler, Business Roundtable, Paul M. Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, and Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffery A. Smisek, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of Airlines for America.

ENERGY SUPPLY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1199, to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, S. 1215, to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy, S. 1222, to amend the