Friday, May 22, 2015

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1314, Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3253–S3312

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1455–1468. **Pages S3309–10**

Measures Reported:

S. 253, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–58)

S. 565, to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts. (S. Rept. No. 114–59)

S. 286, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes. (S. Rept. No. 114–60) **Page S3309**

Measures Passed:

Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 1463, to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities. **Pages S3288–89**

Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act: Senate passed H.R. 2496, to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. **Pages S3289–90**

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act: By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 193), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3256–74, S3274–89, S3290–99**

Adopted:

By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 186), Hatch Modified Amendment No. 1411 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1299), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3256, S3291–92**

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 191), Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3256, S3295**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 187), 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 S3256–59, S3265–67, S3267–69, S3280–83, S3292–93**

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 188), 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 S3256, S3293**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 189), 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 S3256, S3293–94**

By 36 yeas to 62 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 190), Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Pages S3256, S3294–95**

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

Chair sustained a point of order that Wyden (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment

No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3256, S3293**

Chair sustained a point of order that Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3256, S3294**

Chair sustained a point of order that 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, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3256, S3294**

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 192), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S3295–96**

Measures Considered:

USA FREEDOM Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes. **Page S3299**

Messages from the House: **Page S3309**

Measures Referred: **Page S3309**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S3309**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S3310–11**

Additional Statements: **Pages S3305–09**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3311–12**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—193) **Pages S3292–96, S3298**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 11:13 p.m., until 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3312.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2568–2573; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56; H. Con. Res. 52 were introduced. **Pages H3573–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3574**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3567**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3567.

Senate Referrals: S. 261 and S. 612 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 501 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H3572**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12:01 a.m., Saturday, May 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Saturday: Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2048, USA FREEDOM Act. If cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2048, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1357, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Tuesday, May 26

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in pro forma session at 3 p.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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Beatty, Joyce, Ohio, E789, E789, E790
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