

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2048, USA FREEDOM Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3419–S3635

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1473–1486. **Pages S3455–56**

Measures Reported:

S. 1484, to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions. **Page S3455**

Measures Passed:

USA FREEDOM Act: By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3421–44**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 198), McConnell Amendment No. 1451 (to Amendment No. 1450), relating to appointment of amicus curiae. **Pages S3421, S3442**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 199), McConnell Amendment No. 1450 (to Amendment No. 1449), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3421, S3442**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 200), McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1449, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3421, S3442–43**

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

By 83 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 197), 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 S3427–28**

McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1452 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment

No. 1449), of a perfecting nature. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3421, S3442**

McConnell Amendment No. 1453 (to Amendment No. 1452), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1452 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1449) (listed above) was tabled. **Pages S3421, S3442**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, be withdrawn; that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the bill, and it be in order for Senator McCain to offer Amendment No. 1463, the text of which is identical to the Senate Committee on Armed Services reported NDAA bill, 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; and that the time until 2:30 p.m. be for debate only, and equally divided between the bill managers or their designees. **Page S3442**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during today's session of the Senate, Senator Daines be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S3631**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education. **Pages S3631, S3634**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marie Therese Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S3631–34**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S3634**

Messages from the House: **Page S3454**

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Executive Communications: **Pages S3454–55**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3453–54**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3461–S3630**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3631**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—201) **Pages S3427–28, S3442–44**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S———.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PERSPECTIVES ON THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the Export-Import Bank of the United States, including S. 819, to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Michael R. Strain, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Daniel J. Ikenson, Cato Institute Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, John Murphy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Linda Menghetti

Dempsey, National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

LIFELINE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine Lifeline, focusing on improving accountability and effectiveness, after receiving testimony from Michael Clements, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ronald A. Briše, Florida Public Service Commission Commissioner, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Randolph J. May, The Free State Foundation, Potomac, Maryland; Scott Bergmann, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, D.C.; and Jessica J. González, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Pasadena, California.

DROUGHT IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of drought conditions throughout the Western United States and actions states and others are taking to address them, after receiving testimony from Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Betsy A. Cody, Specialist in Natural Resource Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Tom Loranger, Washington State Department of Ecology Program Manager, Olympia; Cannon Michael, The Family Farm Alliance, Los Banos, California; and James D. Ogsbury, Western Governors' Association, Denver, Colorado.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DATA THEFT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Internal Revenue Service data theft affecting taxpayer information, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, both of the Department of the Treasury.

UNDERSTANDING IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on understanding Iran's nuclear program from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Bill Goldstein, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Charlie McMillan, Director, Los Alamos National