

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1528–1534, and S. Res. 195–197. **Page S3925**

Measures Passed:

Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, designating July 10, 2015, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States. **Page S3974**

Access to Federally Funded Facilities: Senate agreed to S. Res. 197, recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities. **Pages S3974–75**

Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 611, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems. **Page S3975**

Water Resources Research Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 653, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act. **Page S3975**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McCain (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 1485 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of the

Senate on the nuclear force improvement program of the Air Force. **Pages S3912–13**

McCain (for Heller/Casey) Amendment No. 1510 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on the interoperability between electronic health records systems of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S3913**

McCain (for Rounds) Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers. **Page S3913**

McCain (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1538 (to Amendment No. 1463), to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. **Page S3913**

McCain (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1579 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should maintain and enhance robust military intelligence support to force protection for installations, facilities, and personnel of the Department of Defense and the family members of such personnel. **Page S3913–14**

McCain (for Moran) Amendment No. 1622 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress on reviewing and considering findings and recommendations of the Council of Governors regarding cyber capabilities of the Armed Forces. **Page S3914**

McCain (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1791 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize a land exchange at Navy Outlying Field, Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Florida. **Page S3914**

Reed (for Udall) Amendment No. 1677 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Secretary of Defense to submit information to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the exposure of members of the Armed Forces to airborne hazards and open burn pits. **Page S3914**

Reed (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1701 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve the provisions relating to adoption of retired military working dogs. **Page S3914**

Reed (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1733 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on plans for the use and availability of airfields in the United States for homeland defense missions. **Pages S3914–15**

Reed (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 1739 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a conflict of interest certification for Inspector General investigations relating to whistleblower retaliation.

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Reed (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1744 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015.

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Reed (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 1781 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve the report on the strategy to protect United States national security interests in the Arctic region.

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Reed (for Cardin) Amendment No. 1796 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of the Senate on finding efficiencies within the working capital fund activities of the Department of Defense.

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Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 205), Reed Amendment No. 1521 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the availability of amounts authorized to be appropriated for overseas contingency operations pending relief from the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011.

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Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute.

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McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security.

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Vitter Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units.

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Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil.

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Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to increase civil penalties for violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

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McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

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Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations.

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McCain (for Burr) Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463), to ensure criminal background checks of employees of the military child care system and providers of child care services and youth program services for military dependents.

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Feinstein (for McCain) Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reaffirm the prohibition on torture.

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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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Burr/McCain Amendment No. 1921 (to Amendment No. 1569), to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S3925**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—205) **Page S3910**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3976.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Fiscal Year 2016 Department of Defense Appropriations”.

ENERGY ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 15, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, S. 454, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, S. 784, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories, S. 1033, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, S. 1054, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 1068, to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats, S. 1181, to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, S. 1187, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, S. 1216, to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties, S. 1218, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 1221, to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system, S. 1223, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative tech-

nologies, S. 1229, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories, S. 1230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas productions activities, S. 1241, to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, S. 1256, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1258, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1259, to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, S. 1263, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services, S. 1274, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy, S. 1275, to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities, S. 1277, to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, S. 1293, to establish the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law with respect to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects, S. 1306, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to use existing funding available to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions, S. 1310, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, S. 1311, to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify