

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5133–S5175

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1784–1803. **Page S5170**

Measures Reported:

S. 1800, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–82)

Report to accompany S. 1705, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 114–83)

S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–84)

S. 1599, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5169**

Measures Passed:

Every Child Achieves Act: By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate passed S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5134–50**

Adopted:

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 244), Murray (for Coons/Rubio) Amendment No. 2243 (to Amendment No. 2089), to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S5134, S5140**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 245), Alexander (for Burr/Bennet) Modified Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the allocation of funds under subpart 2 of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S5135, S5140–42, S5148–49**

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 246), Murray (for Brown/Manchin) Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a full-service community schools grant program. **Pages S5135, S5142**

Alexander (for Hatch/Bennet) Amendment No. 2082 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 relating to early learning. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Warren) Amendment No. 2106 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include specialized instructional support personnel in the literacy development of children. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2130 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title I to support assessments of school facilities. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Murphy) Amendment No. 2186 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish the Promise Neighborhoods program. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Nelson) Modified Amendment No. 2215 (to Amendment No. 2089), to include partnering with current and recently retired STEM professionals and tailoring educational resources to engage students and teachers in STEM. **Pages S5135, S5143**

Murray (for Manchin/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2222 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State plan requirements of section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to support children facing substance abuse in the home. **Pages S5135, S5143, S5145–46**

Alexander (for Boozman/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2231 (to Amendment No. 2089), to support

professional development to help students prepare for postsecondary education and the workforce.

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Murray (for Baldwin/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2188 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure States will ensure the unique needs of students at all levels of schooling.

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Alexander (for Capito/Durbin) Amendment No. 2156 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State report card under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include the rates of enrollment in postsecondary education, and remediation rates, for high schools.

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Alexander (for Thune) Amendment No. 2232 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow extended services Project SERV grants under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to be available for violence prevention activities.

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Murray (for King/Capito) Amendment No. 2256 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the definitions of eligible technology and technology readiness survey and to provide a restriction on funds.

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Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2240 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide resources needed to study and review Native American language medium schools and programs.

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Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2249 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(c) of the ESEA to require States to provide an assurance regarding cross-tabulation of student data.

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Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities.

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Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 242), Alexander (for Cruz/Lee) Amendment No. 2180 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for State-determined assessment and accountability systems.

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By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 243), Murray (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2177 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for youth jobs. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 247), Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2242 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish a Federal-State partnership to provide access to high-quality public prekindergarten

programs from low-income and moderate-income families to ensure that they enter kindergarten prepared for success. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 248), 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.

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Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965.

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Ensuring Access to Clinical Trials Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 139, to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions, and the bill was then passed.

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Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

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Pro Forma Session—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until 10:40 a.m., on Friday, July 17, 2015, for pro forma session only, with no business conducted; and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2020.

Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank

of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Mark A. Young, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on February 5, 2015.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—249)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10:40 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5175.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FORESTRY LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending Forest Service and forestry related bills, including S. 61, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana, S. 755, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1100, to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger, S. 1110, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, S. 1671, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, S. 1712, to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to en-

hance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, and S. 1733, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land of the United States, and S. 1744, to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia, after receiving testimony from Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, including S. 1484, a bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 132, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 326, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and S. 1691, to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Steven A. Ellis, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mike Matz, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Durango, Colorado; Jim D. Neiman, Neiman Enterprises, Inc., Hulett, Wyoming, on behalf of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition; and Steve Swanson, Swanson Group, Inc., Glendale, Oregon.

HEALTHCARE.GOV CONTROLS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine HealthCare.gov controls, focusing on observations on 18 undercover tests of enrollment controls for health-care coverage and consumer subsidies provided under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after receiving testimony from Seto J.