

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1844–1860, and S. Res. 228–229. **Page S5526**

Measures Reported:

S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability. (S. Rept. No. 114–89)

S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–90)

S. 834, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–91)

H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–92) **Page S5525**

Measures Passed:

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization: Senate passed H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5557–58**

Veterans Entrepreneurship Act: Senate passed H.R. 2499, to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5558**

Sullivan (for Vitter) Amendment No. 2326, relating to business loans program. **Page S5558**

DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1626, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5558–59**

United States Intelligence Professionals Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, designating July 26, 2015, as “United States Intelligence Professionals Day”. **Page S5559**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of 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. **Pages S5478–S5513**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, July 24, 2015, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be deemed expired. **Page S5559**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

85 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5559.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016".

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, USMC, to be General and Commandant of the Marine Corps, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 559 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BANK HOLDING COMPANIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine measuring the systemic importance of United States bank holding companies, 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 Robert DeYoung, University of Kansas School of Business, Lawrence; Deborah J. Lucas, MIT Sloan School of Management Center for Finance and Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jonathan R. Macey, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, and Michael S. Barr, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Marisa Lago, of New York, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran nuclear agreement review,

after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy; and Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Denise Turner Roth, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of General Services, General Services Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, focusing on information blocking and potential solutions, after receiving testimony from David C. Kendrick, MyHealth Access Network, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Michael J. Mirro, American College of Cardiology, Fort Wayne, Indiana; David C. Kibbe, DirectTrust, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; and Paul Black, Allscripts, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1169, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Michael C. McGowan, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, Department of Justice, for the term of four years.

DODD-FRANK

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine Dodd-Frank at five years, after receiving testimony from C. Boyden Gray, Boyden Gray and Associates, PLLC, Deepak Gupta, Gupta Wessler PLLC, Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Neomi Rao, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.