Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6247–S6325

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1919–1937. **Pages S6295–96**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–111)

Report to accompany S. Res. 73, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–112)

S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–113)

S. 986, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 114–114)

H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation. (S. Rept. No. 114–115)

H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures. **Page S6294**

Measures Passed:

Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: Senate passed H.R. 1138, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho. **Pages S6270–71**

U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act: Senate passed S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6323–25**

General of the Army Omar Bradley Property Transfer Act: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 267, to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6325**

1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 232, expressing the sense of the Senate that August 30, 2015, be observed as "1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6325**

Measures Considered:

Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats. **Pages S6256–63, S6263–70, S6271–86**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, August 5, 2015; and that the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be equally divided between the Managers or their designees. **Page S6325**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6325.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and the military balance in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from General Michael V. Hayden, USAF (ret.), Chertoff Group, and Eric S. Edelman, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, both of Washington, D.C.; Nicholas Burns, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,476 nominations in the military.

EPA AND FWS LITIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine litigation at the Environmental Protection Agency and Fish and Wildlife Service, focusing on impacts on the United States economy, States, local communities, and the environment, after receiving testimony from Alfredo Gómez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Dallas Baker, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Air Director, Jackson; Andrew M. Grossman, Baker and Hostetler LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Cato Institute; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, and Justin Pidot, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, both of Denver, Colorado.

FAMILIES AND FOSTER CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving families and reducing the need for foster care, after receiving testimony from Ann Silverberg Williamson, Utah Department of Human Services Executive Director, Salt Lake City; Sandra Killett, Child Welfare Organizing Project, New York, New York; Rosalina Burton, San Pasqual Academy, Escondido, California; Donna Butts, Generations United, Washington, D.C.; and Charles Nyby, Child Welfare Program, Salem, Oregon.

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, focusing on non-proliferation, inspections, and nuclear constraints, after receiving testimony from David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Robert Joseph, former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, National Institute for Public Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gary Samore, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann Calvaresi Barr, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Edwin Richard Nolan, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, and John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, all of the Department of State, and Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUREAU OF PRISONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons, focusing on first-hand accounts of challenges facing the Federal prison system, after receiving testimony from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice; Piper Kerman, *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*, Columbus, Ohio; Jerome Dillard, Voices Behind Bars, Fitchburg, Wisconsin; and Udi Ofer, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, Newark.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3438–3441; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64; and H. Con. Res. 72 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H5788

Report Filed: A was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1073, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–240). Page H5787

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5785

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Skyline Wesleyan Church, San Diego, CA.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 72, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 72, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. Page H5785

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 12 noon and at 12:06 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 72, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the implications of sanctions relief under the Iran agreement, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1324, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, S. 1523, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, S. 1500, to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, S. 722, to extend the date after which interest earned on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund may be available for apportionment, S. 1707, to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House", S. 1147, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center", S. 124, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to deauthorize the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area Critical Restoration Project, H.R. 2559, to designate the "PFC Milton A. Lee Medal of Honor Memorial Highway" in the State of Texas, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S–211, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Marisa Lago, of New York, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the implications of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action for United States policy in the Middle East, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on opportunities to improve student success, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice's legal obligation to ensure Inspector General access to all records needed for independent oversight, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 754, Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, August 7

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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