

Kirk Amendment No. 2764 (to Amendment No. 2763), to clarify the term “congressional defense committees.” **Page S7794**

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

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 299), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7786**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form. **Page S7844**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, the Chair lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 1356, to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions; that Senator McCain, or his designee, be recognized to offer a motion to concur in the House amendment, and that there then be 20 minutes equally divided before a vote on the motion to concur; and that if the motion to concur is agreed to, Senate begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 90, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356, and the resolution be agreed to. **Page S7843**

Allen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S7843**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—299) **Pages S7779, S7786**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Fred Thompson, at 5:53 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7844.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WILDFIRES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildfire, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on budgetary impacts and threats to natural resources on Federal, state, and private lands, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Dessecker, Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; William R. Dougan, National Federation of Federal Employees, Washington, D.C.; Ken Stewart, Georgia Institute of Technology Renewable Bioproducts Institute, Marietta, Georgia, on behalf of the American Forest Foundation; Chris Treese, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Glenwood Springs, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

ROLES AND MISSIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine revisiting the roles and missions of the armed forces, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David A. Deptula, USAF (Ret.), the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies, Arlington, Virginia; Robert Martinage, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Michael O’Hanlon, *The Future of Land Warfare*, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bryan McGrath, Hudson Institute Center for American Seapower, Easton, Maryland.

RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine agency progress in retrospective review of existing regulations, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Klein, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Bill Nickerson, Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management, Environmental Protection Agency; Megan J. Uzzell, Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor; and Christopher Zehren, Deputy

Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, Julien Xavier Neals, to be United States District Judge for the District

of New Jersey, Gary Richard Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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: 63 public bills, H.R. 3932–3994; 1 private bills, H.R. 3995; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90–92; and H. Res. 517–523, were introduced. **Pages H8149–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8154–55**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–328). **Page H8149**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H8136**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Clarifying that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions: S. 1356, amended, to clarify that certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 will not take effect until after the Director of the Office of Personnel Management promulgates and makes effective regulations relating to such provisions, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 618. **Pages H7747–H8129**

Hire More Heroes Act of 2015: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to the text 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, with an amendment. **Pages H8129–33**

Pursuant to H. Res. 512, the question was put on agreeing to the amendments en gros. The amendments were agreed to by a recorded vote of 363 yeas to 64 noes, Roll No. 623. **Page H8132**

Agreed to:

Mullin amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that was debated on November 4th that requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that in promulgating regulations any preference or incentive provided to electric vehicles is also provided to natural gas vehicles (by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 620); **Page H8130**

Burgess amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that was debated on November 4th that modifies and adds certain provisions to the Senate amendments dealing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 621); and **Pages H8130–31**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that was debated on November 4th that executes a liquidation of the Federal Reserve surplus account and remittance of funds to the U.S. Treasury; the amendment also dissolves the existence of the surplus account on a go-forward basis; and the amendment ensures future net earnings of the Federal Reserve, in excess of dividend paid, are remitted to the U.S. Treasury (by a recorded vote of 354 yeas to 72 noes, Roll No. 622). **Pages H8131–32**

Rejected:

Schakowsky amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that was debated on November 4th that sought to improve quality and quantity of information shared about vehicle safety issues among auto manufacturers, NHTSA, and consumers; also improves the quality and quantity of safety information provided about used cars at point