

Monday, November 16, 2015

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2282–2283, and S. Res. 313. **Page S7966**

Measures Passed:

Condemning the Terrorist Attacks in Paris: Senate agreed to S. Res. 313, condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris and offering thoughts and prayers for the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the people of France, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of France and all our allies in the face of this horrific attack on freedom and liberty. **Page S7970**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S7963**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. **Page S7963**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 305), LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S7960–61**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—305) **Page S7961**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7970–71.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3996–4022; and 5 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 93 and H. Res. 524, 525, 527, 528, were introduced. **Pages H8239–40**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on November 9, 2015 as follows:

H.R. 1737, to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending (H. Rept. 114–329).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1210, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–330);

H.R. 2912, to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward (H. Rept. 114–331);

H.R. 3189, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–332, Part 1);

H.R. 3859, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 114–333);

H.R. 3875, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives Office, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–334);

H.R. 2270, to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–335);

H.R. 2360, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–336);

H.R. 3032, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 114–337);

H.R. 1317, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain

affiliate transactions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–311, Part 2);

H.R. 1478, to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–338);

H.R. 2243, to suspend the current compensation packages for the senior executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establish compensation for such positions in accordance with rates of pay for senior employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–339, Part 1); and

H. Res. 526, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1737) to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 511) to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–340). **Pages H8238–39**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8157**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H8159**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Keep the Promise Act of 2015: H.R. 308, to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 263 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 626. **Pages H8159–64, H8209–10**

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

Partners for Aviation Security Act: H.R. 3144, amended, to require consultation with the Aviation Security Advisory Committee regarding modifications to the prohibited item list, and require a report on the Transportation Security Oversight Board; **Pages H8170–71**

Critical Infrastructure Protection Act: H.R. 1073, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats; **Pages H8171–74**

Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015: H.R. 1338, amended, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans

in national cemeteries, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 627;

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Honor America’s Guard-Reserve Retirees Act: H.R. 1384, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 628;

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Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act: S. 599, amended, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project;

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Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015: S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome;

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Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015: H.R. 2583, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission;

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U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions;

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Highway Trust Fund Extension: H.R. 3996, to provide and extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund;

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Policyholder Protection Act of 2015: H.R. 1478, amended, to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company’s assets;

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Securities and Exchange Commission Reporting Modernization Act: H.R. 3032, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission;

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Amending the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions: H.R. 1317, amended, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Ex-

change Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions;

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Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2015: S. 2036, to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; and

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Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 208, to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

Pages H8223–27

Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 90, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in France.

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Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 639, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

Pages H8212–13

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 24, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 93, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015: H.R. 1694, to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns; and **Pages H8164-69**

Providing funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities: H.R. 3114, amended, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities. **Pages H8169-70**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8158-59.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 22 was held at the desk. S. 1004 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 2280 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1203 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, and the Budget. **Pages H8235-36**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8209-10, H8210, and H8211. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRIBAL LABOR SOVEREIGNTY ACT OF 2015; REFORMING CFPB INDIRECT AUTO FINANCING GUIDANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 511, the "Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1737, the "Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act". The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 1737. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 1737 printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand

for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 511. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, for the purposes of requesting a conference with the Senate, the rule provides that the House has taken S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, from the Speaker's table, adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 5, as passed by the House, and adopts S. 1177, as amended. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or his designee is authorized to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1177 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. In section 4, the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3762, the Clerk shall strike title I and redesignate the subsequent titles accordingly. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline, Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, and Maxine Waters of California.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.