

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8029–S8112*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2296–2304, and S. Res. 315–218. **Page S8079**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–167) **Page S8079**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, expressing support for the goals of both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S8058–60**

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed 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. **Page S8111**

**American Diabetes Month:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 282, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8111–12**

**Authorize Deposition Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, to authorize deposition testimony and representation in *Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al.* **Page S8112**

#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Depart-

ments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, after withdrawing the committee reported amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8034–58, S8060–75, H8075–76**

#### Adopted:

Collins (for McCain/Flake) Amendment No. 2809 (to Amendment No. 2812), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to review certain decisions to grant categorical exclusions for Next Generation flight procedures and to consult with the airports at which such procedures will be implemented. **Page S8063**

Reed (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 2817 (to Amendment No. 2812), to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. **Page S8063**

Wicker/Feinstein Amendment No. 2815 (to Amendment No. 2812), to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to increase the minimum length limitation for a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination from 28 to 33 feet if such change would not negatively impact public safety. **Page S8064**

#### Pending:

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8055**

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2813 (to Amendment No. 2812), to make a technical amendment. **Page S8055**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 20, 2015. **Page S8075**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812. **Page S8075**

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 17, 2015, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion

to proceed to consideration of the bill, was withdrawn. **Page S8055**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2015. **Page S8112**

#### House Messages:

**Every Child Achieves Act:** Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, agreed to the request from the House for a conference, and authorized the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Pages S8029–34**

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

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 308), 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 McConnell motion to disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S8033**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Alexander, Enzi, Burr, Isakson, Paul, Collins, Murkowski, Kirk, Scott, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Murray, Mikulski, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, and Warren. **Page S8034**

**Smith Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 30, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S8058**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S8111**

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#### Amendments Submitted:

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—308) **Page S8033**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8112.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### UNDERSEA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on undersea critical infrastructure protection from J.D. Williams, National Intelligence Officer for Military Issues, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Brandon Wales, Director, Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Susan McLellan, Naval Undersea Research and Threat Analysis Center, Office of Naval Intelligence, Captain Wesley Guinn, USN, Chief, Joint Operations Division (EUCOM/NATO), Joint Staff, and Larry Huffman, Director, Center for Operations, Defense Information Systems Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1143, to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes;

S. 1518, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce;

S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications;

S. 1916, to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934;

S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer