

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8445–S8505

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2363–2375, and S. Res. 331. **Page S8494**

Measures Reported:

S. 1616, to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards. (S. Rept. No. 114–174)

S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–175)

Report to accompany S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth. (S. Rept. No. 114–176)

S. 2368, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the efficiency of the Medicare appeals process. (S. Rept. No. 114–177) **Page S8492**

Measures Passed:

Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage Family Caregivers Act: Senate passed S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8499–S8500**

World Press Freedom Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8500–01**

McConnell (for Casey) Amendment No. 2921, to amend the preamble. **Pages S8500–01**

Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, designating December 12, 2015, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S8501–02**

Conference Reports:

Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Pages S8447–79**

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

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 333), 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 conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S8453**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill occur at 10:45 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. **Page S8453**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, with the time until 10:45 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S8502**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Jordan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 114–4).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S8502**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—333)	Page S8453

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8502.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PENTAGON POLICY, STRATEGY, AND PLANS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Pentagon's development of policy, strategy, and plans, after receiving testimony from Michèle A. Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Center for a New American Security; Michael G. Vickers, former Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; and Commander Jeff Eggers, USN (Ret.), former Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, New America.

MAGNITUDE OF HUMAN IMPACT ON EARTH'S CLIMATE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting open inquiry in the debate over the magnitude of human impact on earth's climate, after receiving testimony from John R. Christy, University of Alabama in Huntsville Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; Judith A. Curry, Georgia Institute of Technology School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Atlanta; William Happer, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Mark Steyn, "A Disgrace to the Profession": *The World's Scientists—in Their Own Words—On Michael E Mann, His Hockey Stick, and Their Damage to Science, Volume One*, Woodville, New Hampshire; and Rear Admiral David W. Titley, USN (Ret.), Pennsylvania State University Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk, University Park.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation, Derrick Crandall, National Park Hospitality Association, and Theresa Pierno, National Parks Conservation Association, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia;

S. Res. 326, celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania;

S. Res. 320, congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections, with amendments; and

The nominations of Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Linda Swartz Tagliatalata, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.