

**CORRECTION**

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 78, Further Continuing Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8689–S8732.*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2406–2409. **Page S8725**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–182)

S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–183)

S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park. (S. Rept. No. 114–184)

S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–185)

S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest. (S. Rept. No. 114–186)

S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–187)

S. 1941, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–188)

S. 1942, to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–189)

S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 114–190)

S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–191)

S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project. (S. Rept. No. 114–192)

H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions. (S. Rept. No. 114–193)

H.R. 1324, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–194)

H.R. 1554, to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–195)

H.R. 2223, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–196)

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#### Measures Passed:

***Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 238, to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8703–04**

***Federal Perkins Loan Program Extension Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 3594, to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S8704–08**

Alexander Amendment No. 2929, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8707–09**

**Further Continuing Appropriations:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2016. **Page S8723**

**Securing Fairness in Regulatory Timing Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3831, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage. **Page S8728**

**Saving Federal Dollars Through Better Use of Government Purchase and Travel Cards Act:** Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8728–29**

McConnell (for Carper) Amendment No. 2930, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8728–29**

**25th Anniversary of Democracy in Mongolia:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia. **Page S8729**

**Peaceful Elections in Burma:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 320, congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8729–30**

**135th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with Romania:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania. **Page S8730**

**Violence Against Women and Children by ISIS:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8730–32**

McConnell (for Lankford) Amendment No. 2931, to define “complicit” for purposes of the resolution. **Page S8732**

#### Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate indefinitely postponed H. Con. Res. 91, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S8728**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled

bills or joint resolutions on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. **Page S8723**

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

Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Thomas Edgar Rothman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Steven Michael Haro, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S8728, S8732**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Paul Lewis Abrams, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Suzanne Mitchell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Scott L. Palk, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Ronald G. Russell, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S8732**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11:01 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8732.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration’s strategy