

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S141–S163

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2459–2464, and S. Res. 348. **Page S160**

Veto Messages:

Waters of the United States: Senate continued consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 22, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. **Pages S143–47**

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

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 5), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the veto message to accompany the joint resolution. **Pages S146–47**

Cloture not having been invoked, under the previous order of Wednesday, January 20, 2016, the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 22, was indefinitely postponed. **Page S147**

Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following morning business on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, with a period for debate only until 3 p.m. **Page S143**

Vazquez Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; that there be 15 minutes for debate on confirmation of the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S143**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time: Pages S157, S162

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S161–62

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S146–47**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S162.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,178 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of innovative technologies within the automotive industry, after receiving testimony from David Friedman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy;

Chris Gearhart, Director, Transportation and Hydrogen Systems Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; Mitch Bainwol, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and Genevieve Cullen, Electric Drive Transportation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Xavier Mosquet, The Boston Consulting Group, Troy, Michigan.

HEALTHCARE CO-OPS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine healthcare co-ops, focusing on a review of the financial and oversight controls, after receiving testimony from Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine political and economic developments in Latin America and opportunities for United States engagement, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. McLarty, III, former White House Chief of Staff and Special Envoy to the Americas, McLarty Associates, and Eric Farnsworth, Council of the Americas and Americas Society, both of Washington, D.C.; and Shannon K. O'Neil, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine laying out the reality of the Postal Service, including S. 2051, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Megan J. Brennan, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the Postal Service; Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Lori Rectanus, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; James E. Millstein, former Department of the Treasury Chief Restructuring Officer, Millstein and Co., and Fredric V. Rolando, National Association of Letter Carriers, both of Washington, D.C.; John Hutcheson III, National Newspaper Association, Springfield, Illinois; and Kathy Collins, Domtar Paper Company, Rothschild, Wisconsin, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association.

MODERNIZING THE VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' transformation strategy, focusing on examining the plan to modernize the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 107.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.