

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S531–S633.

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2485–2496, and S. Res. 357–361. **Pages S575–76**

Measures Reported:

S. 553, to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S575**

Measures Passed:

United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 907, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S570–71**

McConnell (for Rubio/Cardin) Amendment No. 3278, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S570–71**

Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 357, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Pages S571, S577**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 358, designating February 1 through 5, 2016, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Pages S571, S577**

Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations 10th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the unification of the air and marine assets of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. **Pages S571, S578**

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 360, congratulating the National Association of

State Departments of Agriculture on the celebration of its 100th anniversary. **Pages S571, S578**

READ Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3033, to require the President’s annual budget request to Congress each year to include a line item for the Research in Disabilities Education program of the National Science Foundation and to require the National Science Foundation to conduct research on dyslexia, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S632**

Murkowski (for Lee/Murray) Amendment No. 3279, to amend the National Science Foundation program on research on the science of dyslexia. **Page S632**

Measures Considered:

Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S539–70, S571**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S539**

Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Page S539**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements. **Page S539**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 4, 2016, and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided between the two managers, or their designees. **Page S633**

North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement

was reached providing that following morning business on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, that there be up to seven hours of debate, equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of that time, the committee reported amendment be agreed to; and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-40)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S633.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. DEFENSE POLICY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an independent perspective of United States defense policy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant General Thomas L. Conant, USMC (Ret.), former Deputy Com-

mander, Pacific Command, Wilmington, North Carolina.

UNDERSTANDING ISIL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine counterterrorism strategy, focusing on understanding ISIL, after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

SPENDING ON UNAUTHORIZED PROGRAMS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine spending on unauthorized programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Jessica Tollestrup, Specialist on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul L. Posner, George Mason University School of Policy, Government and International Affairs, Arlington, Virginia; and James A. Thurber, American University School of Public Affairs Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, Washington, D.C.

STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Stream Protection Rule, focusing on impacts on the environment and implications for Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act implementation, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Lanny E. Erdos, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management, Columbus; Clay Larkin, Kentucky Coal Association, Lexington; and Matt Wasson, Appalachian Voices, Boone, North Carolina.

STRAINS ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strains on the European Union, focusing on implications for American foreign policy, after receiving testimony from Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council, and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security Strategy and Statecraft Program, both of Washington, D.C.

CANADA'S FAST-TRACK REFUGEE PLAN

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Canada's fast-track refugee plan, focusing on implications for United States national security, after receiving testimony from Dean Mandel, Border Patrol Agent, Buffalo Sector, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, on behalf of the National Border Patrol Council; Guidy Mamann,