

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 757, North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S759–S832*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2527–2539, S. Res. 370, and S. Con. Res. 30. **Page S821**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 99, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill its promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 330, congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize.

S. Res. 361, urging robust funding for humanitarian relief for Syria, with amendments. **Page S821**

#### Measures Passed:

**North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act:** By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 20), Senate passed H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S761–S806**

#### Conference Reports:

**Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 11, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany the bill, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S832**

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

U.N. Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts (Treaty Doc. No. 114–5);

Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled (Treaty Doc. No. 114–6);

U.N. Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade (Treaty Doc. No. 114–7);

Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances (Treaty Doc. No. 114–8);

U.N. Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-By Letters of Credit (Treaty Doc. No. 114–9); and

Extradition Treaty with the Dominican Republic (Treaty Doc. No. 114–10).

The treaties were 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. **Pages S830–32**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S832**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—20)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S832.)

**Committee Meetings***(Committees not listed did not meet)***APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the importance of enacting a new Water Resources Development Act, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Portiss, Tulsa Port of Catoosa, Catoosa, Oklahoma; John Swearingen, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Findlay, Ohio; Rob Roberson, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Norma Jean Mattei, American Society of Civil Engineers, Washington, D.C.; and Kyle Makarios, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**BUDGET**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

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**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

S. Res. 99, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill its promises of assistance in the case of Robert

Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 361, urging robust funding for humanitarian relief for Syria, with amendments; and

S. Res. 330, congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize.

**U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL AFRICA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Central Africa, focusing on the imperative of good governance, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Thomas Perriello, Special Envoy for the Great Lakes of Africa, both of the Department of State; Roger Meece, former Ambassador and former United Nations Special Representative to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Seattle, Washington; and Sarah Margon, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2517, to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, with an amendment;

H.R. 1656, to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2509, to improve the Government-wide management of Federal property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2522, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to build partnerships to prevent violence by extremists, with an amendment;

S. 1526, to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 236, to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;