

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills) for the First Session of the 114th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1515–1551

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2688–2699, and S. Res. 401–402. **Pages S1544–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–230)

S. Res. 368, supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and the end of the country's enduring internal armed conflict and recognizing United States support for Colombia at the 15th anniversary of Plan Colombia.

S. Res. 375, raising awareness of modern slavery.

S. Res. 378, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Yefimovich Nemtsov and renewing the call for a full and transparent investigation into the tragic murder of Boris Yefimovich Nemtsov in Moscow on February 27, 2015.

S. Res. 383, recognizing the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation.

S. Res. 388, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 392, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the prosecution and conviction of former President Mohamed Nasheed without due process and urging the Government of the Maldives to take all necessary steps to redress this injustice, to release all political prisoners, and to ensure due process and freedom from political prosecution for all the people of the Maldives. **Page S1544**

Measures Passed:

Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act: Senate passed H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1548**

McConnell (for Burr/Murray) Amendment No. 3456, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1548**

Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 719, to rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S1548–49**

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 401, designating March 22, 2016, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day". **Page S1549**

United States of America v. Chaka Fattah, Sr., et al.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 402, to authorize testimony, documentary production, and representation in *United States of America v. Chaka Fattah, Sr., et al.* **Page S1549**

House Messages:

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments: Senate continued consideration of the House message to accompany S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, taking action on the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1516–38**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1516**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S1516**

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

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 37), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with

McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill) (listed above).

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Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill).

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Directing Senate Legal Counsel—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. Res. 377, directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; that there be one hour of debate, equally divided in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on adoption of the resolution, with no intervening action or debate.

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Defend Trade Secrets Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets; that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form; and that following the use or yielding back of time, the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, 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 relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008 with respect to North Korea; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—45)

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—37) Page S1524

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:15 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1549.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard, Major General Brian Neal, Acting Director of the Air National Guard, Lieutenant General Timothy J. Kadavy, Director of the Army National Guard, Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief of the Army Reserve, Vice Admiral Robin R. Braun, Chief of the Navy Reserve, Lieutenant General James Jackson, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, Brigadier General Stephen L. Davis, USAF, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications, Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.