

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2109–S2130

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2806–2813, and S.J. Res. 33. **Page S2128**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 114–238)

S. 2806, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–237)

S. 185, to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1622, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2700, to update the authorizing provisions relating to the workforces of the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2713, to provide for the implementation of a Precision Medicine Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2742, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act regarding the national research institutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2745, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote the inclusion of minorities in clinical research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2127**

Measures Considered:

Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2110–21**

Adopted:

Thune Amendment No. 3680 (to Amendment No. 3679), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2110, S2119**

McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2110, S2119**

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

By 89 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 46), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2120**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. **Page S2130**

Appointments:

Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–140, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission: Robert Groves of the District of Columbia (data privacy), Jeffrey Liebman of Massachusetts (researcher), and Kim Wallin of Nevada (experienced program administrator). **Page S2130**

FAA Reauthorization/Energy Policy Modernization/Energy and Water Development Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Senate vote on passage of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, as amended; that following disposition of H.R. 636, as amended, Senate resume consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, as under the previous order of April 13, 2016; and that following disposition of S. 2012, as amended, if amended, but not prior to Wednesday, April 20, 2016, the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, be withdrawn, and Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2028. **Pages S2120–21**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Faye Beard, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Lawrence Robert Silverman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Susan S. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S2130**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—46) **Page S2120**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2130.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrew LaMont Eanes, of Kansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, and Vik Edwin Stoll, of Missouri, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4975–4991; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 686, 689–690, were introduced. **Pages H1801–02**

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1802–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4885, to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–498);

H.R. 1206, to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–499);

H.R. 3724, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–500);

H.R. 4890, to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and im-

plements a comprehensive customer service strategy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–501);

H. Res. 687, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1206) to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4885) to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury (H. Rept. 114–502); and

H. Res. 688, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4890) to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3724) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct (H. Rept. 114–503). **Page H1801**