

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2425–S2464

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2850–2855, and S. Res. 440–441. **Pages S2458–59**

Measures Reported:

S. 2680, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide comprehensive mental health reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2457**

Measures Passed:

Civic and Government Education Programs in Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 440, expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools in the United States. **Page S2463**

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, expressing the sense of the Senate that, during Public Service Recognition Week, public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States. **Pages S2463–64**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2427–49**

Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 61), Merkley/Grassley Amendment No. 3812 (to Amendment No. 3801), to provide for funding for wind energy. **Pages S2429–31**

By 73 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 62), Heller (for Reid/Heller) Amendment No. 3805 (to Amendment No. 3801), to make funding for water management improvement subject to a condition. **Page S2431**

Rejected:

By 12 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 63), Flake Amendment No. 3820 (to Amendment No. 3801),

to withhold certain funds for the construction of environmental infrastructure. **Pages S2431–32**

Pending:

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2427**

Alexander Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify provisions relating to Nuclear Regulatory Commission fees. **Page S2427**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two managers, or their designees; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to both Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801 (listed above), and to the bill, be at 10:30 a.m. **Page S2464**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S2449**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. **Page S2449**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. **Page S2464**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—63) Pages S2430–32

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2464.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall III, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, J. Michael Gilmore, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF, Program Executive Officer for the F–35 Lightning II Joint Program, all of the Department of Defense; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine challenges and opportunities for oil and gas development in different price environments, after receiving testimony from Michael Ratner, Specialist in Energy Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jason E. Bordoff, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Center on Global Energy Policy, and Oren M. Cass, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, both of New York, New York; Suzanne Minter, Platts Analytics, Denver, Colorado; and Leslie Palti-Guzman, The Rapidan Group LLC, Bethesda, Maryland.

BUSINESS TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine navigating business tax reform, after re-

ceiving testimony from Thomas Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; James R. Hines Jr., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Sanford Zinman, National Conference of CPA Practitioners, Tarrytown, New York; Gayle Goschie, Goschie Farms, Inc., Silverton, Oregon, on behalf of the Hop Growers of America; and Eric J. Toder, Urban Institute and Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State, focusing on a review of resources, priorities, and programs, after receiving testimony from Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Bureau, and Francisco L. Palmieri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development.

PSOB PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, focusing on the need for more timeliness, transparency, and information on performance goals, after receiving testimony from Karol V. Mason, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, and Robert P. Storch, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice; Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jay Langenbau, Worth County Sheriff's Office, Northwood, Iowa; and Donald J. Mihalek, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Foundation, and Robert Ganley, Sergeants Benevolent Association, both of New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.