

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2503–S2600*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2869–2899, and S. Res. 447–455. **Pages S2556–57**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 434, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services. (S. Rept. No. 114–246)

S. 1620, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 114–247)

S. Res. 340, expressing the sense of Congress that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS or Da'esh) is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and calling upon the President to work with foreign governments and the United Nations to provide physical protection for ISIS' targets, to support the creation of an international criminal tribunal with jurisdiction to punish these crimes, and to use every reasonable means, including sanctions, to destroy ISIS and disrupt its support networks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 381, honoring the memory and legacy of Michael James Riddering and condemning the terrorist attacks in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on January 15, 2016.

S. Res. 394, recognizing the 195th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 418, recognizing Hafsat Abiola, Khanim Latif, Yoani Sanchez, and Akanksha Hazari for their selflessness and dedication to their respective causes.

S. Res. 436, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 442, condemning the terrorist attacks in Brussels and honoring the memory of the United States citizens murdered in those attacks, and offering thoughts and prayers for all the victims, condon-

ences to their families, resolve to support the Belgian people, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of Belgium and all our allies in the face of continuing terrorist attacks on freedom and liberty.

S. 2555, to provide opportunities for broadband investment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2824, to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C., as the "Ariel Rios Federal Building".

S. 2845, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, with an amendment. **Pages S2554–55**

#### Measures Passed:

**Afghanistan Accountability Act:** Senate passed S. 1875, to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, the committee amendment was withdrawn, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3885, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2576**

**National Bison Legacy Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2908, to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States. **Page S2576**

**Kids to Parks Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 435, designating May 21, 2016, as "Kids to Parks Day", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Recognizing the Contributions of U.S. Teachers:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 448, recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.

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**17th Annual National Charter Schools Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing

contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 17th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 1 through May 7, 2016. **Pages S2576–77**

**National Small Business Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 450, honoring May 1 through May 7, 2016, as “National Small Business Week” and celebrating the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States. **Pages S2576–77**

**National Travel and Tourism Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, supporting the goals and ideals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States. **Pages S2576–77**

**National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **Pages S2576–77**

**Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 453, designating April 30, 2016, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”. **Pages S2576–77**

**Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response Program 30th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 454, recognizing the Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response program on its 30th anniversary. **Pages S2576–77**

**Cinco de Mayo Holiday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 455, recognizing the cultural and historic significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. **Pages S2576–77**

**Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act:** Senate passed S. 2845, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S2577**

**Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016:** Senate passed S. 1635, to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2577–95**

McConnell (for Corker) Amendment No. 3886, to remove language relating to Iran hostages compensation, to provide that the Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom shall have primary responsibility for religious freedom training, and to make other technical amendments. **Pages S2577–78**

#### Measures Considered:

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Sen-

ate 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 S2514–29**

Pending:

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2514**

Alexander Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify provisions relating to Nuclear Regulatory Commission fees. **Page S2514**

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

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By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 65), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801 (listed above). **Pages S2526–27**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 28, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2016. **Page S2527**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two managers, or their designees; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture vote with respect to Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, occur at 5:30 p.m.; and that for the purpose of Rule XXII, the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, be at 3:30 p.m., and the second-degree filing deadline occur under Rule XXII. **Page S2595**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate adjourns, it convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, May 2, 2016, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.; and that

when Senate adjourns on Thursday, May 5, 2016, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2016.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States. Page S2577

13 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

24 Army nominations in the rank of general.

14 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. Pages S2571–73

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Angela L. Kokosko Ripley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers for a term of two years.

Leslie Greene Bowman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

George Sanchez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Gail H. Marcus, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2018.

Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2021.

Patricia D. Barksdale, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Todd E. Edelman, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

William F. Jung, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Philip R. Lammens, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Regina M. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Patricia Ann Timmons-Goodson, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Anne Rachel Traum, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Kathleen Marie Marshall, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2019.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—65) Page S2526

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2595.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COUNTER-ISIL OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) operations and Middle East strategy, after receiving testimony from Ash Carter, Secretary, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### INVASIVE SPECIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of invasive species on the productivity, value, and management of land and water resources, to conduct oversight on the National Invasive Species Council’s new framework for early detection and rapid response, and to examine improved cooperative tools for control and management, including S. 2240, to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Pool, Acting Deputy Director for Operations,