

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2977, S. Res. 472–473, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Page S3101**

Measures Reported:

S. 2812, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2831, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide priority for applicants for a license to operate as a small business investment company that are located in a disaster area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2838, to improve the HUBZone program, with amendments.

S. 2846, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses.

S. 2847, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses.

S. 2850, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, with amendments. **Page S3100**

Measures Passed:

Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule: By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate passed H. J.Res. 88, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S3065–75, S3075–84**

American Craft Beer Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 473, expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States. **Page S3128**

Measures Considered:

Secretary of Agriculture Fish Inspection Rule—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. J.Res.

28, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes.

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By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S3084**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, with the time equally divided between opponents and proponents until 11 a.m., with Senator Shaheen controlling ten minutes of the proponent time; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII and the CRA, all time on the joint resolution be deemed expired at 11 a.m.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—85) **Page S3084**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3128.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Defense Appropriations”.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017”.

IRAN DEAL SANCTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Financial Integrity Network, Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, Michael Elleman, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, all of Washington, D.C.

INTERNET ASSIGNED NUMBERS AUTHORITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the multistakeholder plan for transitioning the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, after receiving testimony from David A. Gross, former Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State, Michael Beckerman, Internet Association, Steve DelBianco, NetChoice, and Brett D. Schaefer, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Manning, Americans for Limited Government, Fairfax, Virginia; and Andrew Sullivan, Internet Architecture Board, Manchester, New Hampshire.

WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the definition of Waters of the United States, after receiving testimony from Don Parrish, American Farm Bureau Federation, and William W. Buzbee, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Damien Schiff, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; Valerie Wilkinson, The ESG Companies, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Scott

Kovarovics, Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

DEBT VERSUS EQUITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine debt versus equity, focusing on corporate integration considerations, after receiving testimony from John L. Buckley, former Chief Tax Counsel, House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, D.C.; Jody K. Lurie, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John D. McDonald, Baker and McKenzie LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Alvin C. Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-India relations, focusing on balancing progress and managing expectations, after receiving testimony from Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; and Sadanand Dhume, American Enterprise Institute, and Alyssa Ayres, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2919, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide greater flexibility to States in carrying out the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program and employing local veterans' employment representatives, S. 2896, to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, S. 2888, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, S. 2679, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits, S. 2520, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children, S. 2487, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by