

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5913–S5959

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3366–3379. **Pages S5956–57**

Measures Reported:

S. 2849, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information. (S. Rept. No. 114–356) **Page S5956**

Measures Considered:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, September 22, 2015; that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to the bill expire at 11 a.m.; and that if the motion to proceed is agreed to, Senator McConnell be recognized to offer a substitute amendment. **Page S5959**

Foreign Military Sale: By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 145), Senate tabled the motion to discharge the Foreign Relations Committee of S.J. Res. 39, relating to the disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of M1A1/A2 Abrams Tank structures and other major defense equipment. **Pages S5921–35**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—145) **Pages S5934–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5959.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture and the current state of the farm economy, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

HOUSING VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the possible conversion of public housing and other project-based rental assistance to Section 8 vouchers, as well as administrative changes to the Section 8 voucher program, in order to improve the delivery of rental assistance to vulnerable families and individuals, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Gentry, San Diego Housing Commission, San Diego, California; Ed Olsen, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Erika C. Poethig, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine prioritizing public health, focusing on the Food and Drug Administration’s role in the generic drug marketplace, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

AMERICA'S CASH PAYMENTS TO IRAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine terror financing risks of America's \$1.7 billion cash payments to Iran, including S. 2452, to prohibit the use of funds to make payments to Iran relating to the settlement of claims brought before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal until Iran has paid certain compensatory damages awarded to United States persons by United States courts, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Mukasey, former Attorney General, Eric Edelman, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Suzanne Maloney, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3346, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3183, to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3097, to establish the SelectUSA program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4755, to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach; and

H.R. 4742, to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

FWS MITIGATION POLICY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife con-

cluded an oversight hearing to examine the proposed revisions to the Fish and Wildlife Service mitigation policy, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Jamison E. Colburn, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Joshua Kindred, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, Anchorage; and Ryan Yates, National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "Miner's Protection Act of 2016"; and

An original bill entitled, "Retirement and Enhancement Savings Act of 2016".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2953, to promote patient-centered care and accountability at the Indian Health Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3234, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, the Indian Trader Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3261, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R.6091–6115; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 158–159; and H. Res. 880–881 were introduced.

Pages H5798–H5801

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5801–02

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5995, to strike the sunset on certain provisions relating to the authorized protest of a task or delivery order under section 4106 of title 41, United States Code (H. Rept. 114–779);