

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to H. Con. Res. 96, Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015.

House agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2333–S2399

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2235–2255, and S. Res. 420–422. **Pages S2378–79**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. (S. Rept. No. 113–148)

H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960. (S. Rept. No. 113–149)

H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. (S. Rept. No. 113–150)

H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. (S. Rept. No. 113–151)

S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1937, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office.

S. 1947, to rename the Government Printing Office the Government Publishing Office.

S. 2197, to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts.

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Measures Passed:

DATA Act: Senate passed S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2359–62**

Warner (for Carper) Amendment No. 2970, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2359**

Warner (for Carper) Amendment No. 2971 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 2970), to allow the Secretary of Defense to request an extension to report financial and payment information data. **Page S2359**

Authorizing Testimony, Document Production, and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, to authorize written testimony, document production, and representation in *Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Inc. v. United States*. **Page S2391**

Measures Considered:

Federal Minimum Wage: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2223, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S2333–36**

Appointments:

National Commission on Hunger: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 113–76, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the National Commission on Hunger:

Spencer A. Coates of Kentucky, and J. Russell Sykes of New York. **Page S2391**

Friedland Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 107), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 4 p.m., on Friday, April 11, 2014, with the time until 5 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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Friedland and Weil Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Friday, April 11, 2014, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert M. Speer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

12 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S2354**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—107) **Pages S2354–55**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2391.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Bruce Held, Acting Administrator, Donald L. Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, and Admiral John M. Richardson, Deputy Administrator, Office of Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and James Owendoff, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, and Vice Admiral William H. Hilarides, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, all of the Department of Defense.

ELECTRIC GRID RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine how to increase the reliability and security of the nation's electric grid from cyber and physical attacks, after receiving testimony from Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman, and Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner, both of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Gerry Cauley, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Sue Kelly, American Public Power Association, Colette D. Honorable, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Michael J. Kormos, PJM Interconnection L.L.C., Nicholas K. Akins, American Electric Power, Thad Hill, Calpine Corporation, and James L. Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all of Washington, DC; and Cheryl L. Roberto, Environmental Defense Fund, Columbus, Ohio.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Kathleen G. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for international development priorities, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 410, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, with amendments;

S. Res. 413, recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities; and

Lists in the Foreign Service.

TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine transatlantic security challenges, focusing on Central and