

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4486, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2527–S2569*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2271–2274, and S. Res. 430–431. **Page S2566**

#### Measures Passed:

*Silver Star Service Banner Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 430, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2014, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Pages S2567, S2568**

*National Month of the Military Child:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 431, honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child. **Page S2567–68**

#### Measures Considered:

**Minimum Wage Fairness Act:** Senate continued 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 S2527–28, S2535–54**

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 117), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2546**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked. **Page S2546**

**Chuang, Hazel, Moritz, Schneider, Levine, and Selfridge Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2014, Senate vote on the motion

to invoke cloture on the nominations of Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, all post-cloture time be expired and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein; that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 5, 2014, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and Peter A. Selfridge, of Minnesota, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form, and that any roll call votes, following the first in each series, be ten minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S2568**

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

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 118), Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. **Pages S2554, S2555**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 119), Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Pages S2554, S2555–56**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 120), Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 121), Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

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By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 122), Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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By 75 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 123), Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

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Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—123) **Pages S2546, S2555–57**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2568.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Tony Dixon, Acting Director for Budget, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine

proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary, General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, 32nd Chief of the Reserve, and Major General Judd H. Lyons, Acting Director, National Guard, all of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Jacob Lew, Secretary, John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reform of the defense acquisition system in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall III, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Moshe Schwartz,