

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1559–S1590.

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 749–767, S. Res. 102, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Page S1585**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “2015 Economic Report of the President”. (S. Rept. No. 114–5)

S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats. **Page S1585**

Measures Considered:

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1561–75, S1589–90**

Pending:

Portman Amendment No. 270, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking. **Pages S1561–75, S1589–90**

Portman Amendment No. 271, to amend the definition of “homeless person” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth. **Pages S1561–75, S1589–90**

Vitter Amendment No. 284 (to Amendment No. 271), to amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth.

Pages S1561–75, S1589–90

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

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 72), 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 committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill. **Pages S1563–64**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the

committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill. **Page S1564**

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 73), 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 bill. **Page S1564**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Page S1564**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, March 19, 2015.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the committee-reported substitute amendment to the bill. **Page S1575**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. **Pages S1589–90**

Messages from the House: **Page S1584**

Measures Referred: **Page S1585**

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Additional Statements: **Page S1584**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—73) **Page S1564**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S1589–90.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the military services, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David D. Halverson, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, and Commanding General, Installation Management Command, Erin Kern, Director, Shore Readiness Division, United States Navy, David R. Clifton, Deputy Assistant Deputy Commandant, Facilities, Installations and Logistics Department, and Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, United States Marine Corps, and Brigadier General Timothy S. Green, USAF, Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from James Billington, Librarian of Congress, Robert Newlen, Chief of Staff, Mark Sweeney, Associate Librarian for Library Services, Maria Pallante, Register of Copyrights, Mary Mazanec, Director of Congressional Research Service, Elizabeth Scheffler, Acting Chief Information Officer, and Karen Keninger, Director of National Library Service Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, all of the Library of Congress; and Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on cyber, space and strategic competition with China and Russia in review of the De-

fense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program from Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Services, and General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, all of the Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), after receiving testimony from Melvin Carraway, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION RELATED TO THE ELECTRIC GRID

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of technological innovation related to the electric grid, after receiving testimony from Peter Littlewood, Director, Argonne National Laboratory, and Jeffrey Taft, Chief Architect for Electric Grid Transformation, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Lisa Edgar, Florida Public Service Commission Commissioner, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Michael Howard, Electric Power Research Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Lisa M. Barton, American Electric Power, Gahanna, Ohio.

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 659, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, after receiving testimony from Jeff Crane, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Dale Hall, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee; and Wayne Pacelle, The Humane Society of the United States, New Haven, Connecticut.

BUILDING A COMPETITIVE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TAX SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building a competitive United States international tax system, after receiving testimony from Pamela F. Olson, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Washington, D.C.; Anthony Smith, Thermo Fisher