

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2259–S2279

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1007–1016, S. Res. 140–141, and S. Con. Res. 13. **Page S2272**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 113th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 114–33) **Page S2272**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 34, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces. **Pages S2276–77**

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 141, supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day. **Page S2277**

Measures Considered:

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2260–62**

Pending:

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1120, to strengthen the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act by incorporating additional bipartisan amendments. **Pages S2260–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. **Page S2277**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 155), George C. Hanks, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S2263–65, S2279**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155) **Page S2265**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2277.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2020 CENSUS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on challenges facing the bureau for a modern, cost-effective survey, including

recommended actions to be implemented before potential cost savings can be realized, after receiving testimony from John Thompson, Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; and Robert

Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, and Carol Cha, Director, Information Technology Acquisition Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 1894–1896, were introduced. **Page H2318**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2318**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 152, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 114–84);

H.R. 471, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–85, Part 1);

H. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 114–86); and

H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (H. Rept. 114–87). **Page H2318**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2317**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET CONFERENCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House adopted versions of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fis-

cal years 2017 through 2025, but did not complete action thereon.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D371)

H.R. 2, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program. Signed on April 16, 2015. (Public Law 114–10)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for agriculture trade with Cuba, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold open and closed hearings to examine Department of Defense policy and programs to counter threats to the United States from terrorism and irregular warfare, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the success of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) to deliver safe, efficient and effective public transportation services and projects, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation,