

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4659–S4803

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1704–1714. **Pages S4685–86**

Measures Reported:

S. 1109, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies. (S. Rept. No. 114–76)

S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites. (S. Rept. No. 114–77)

S. 1705, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page S4685**

Measures Passed:

Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act: Senate passed S. 286, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4802**

McConnell (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 1471, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4802**

Measures Considered:

Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4661–78**

Pending:

Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4669–74**

Alexander (for Fischer) Amendment No. 2079 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure local governance of education. **Page S4674**

Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational

agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities. **Page S4675**

Alexander (for Rounds/Udall) Amendment No. 2078 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding elementary and secondary education in rural or poverty areas of Indian country. **Page S4675**

Murray (for Reed/Cochran) Amendment No. 2085 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school librarians and effective school library programs. **Page S4675**

Murray (for Warner) Amendment No. 2086 (to Amendment No. 2089), to enable the use of certain State and local administrative funds for fiscal support teams. **Page S4675**

Toomey Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2089), to protect our children from convicted pedophiles, child molesters, and other sex offenders infiltrating our schools and from schools “passing the trash”—helping pedophiles obtain jobs at other schools. **Pages S4676–77**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that each bill manager be in order to offer side-by-side amendments to Toomey Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), and that no second-degree amendments be in order to Toomey Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2089) or side-by-side amendments. **Page S4675**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. **Page S4802**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 221), Kara Fernandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. **Pages S4678, S4803**

Messages from the House: **Page S4685**

Measures Referred: **Page S4685**

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 Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—221) Page S4678

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4802.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine highly pathogenic avian influenza, focusing on the impact on the United States poultry sector and protecting poultry flocks, after receiving testimony from John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and David Swayne, Laboratory Director, Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, Agricultural Research Services, both of the Department of Agriculture; Jim Dean, United Egg Producers, Sioux Center, Iowa; Ken Klippen, National Association of Egg Farmers, Collegenille, Pennsylvania; Brad Moline, Moline Farms, Manson, Iowa, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation; Rob Knecht, Konos, Inc., Martin, Michigan, on behalf of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries; and Tom Elam, FarmEcon LLC, Carmel, Indiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016”.

COUNTER-ISIL STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) strategy, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

TECHNOLOGIES TRANSFORMING TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine technologies transforming transportation, focusing on whether the government is keeping up, after receiving testimony from Susan Alt, Volvo Group North America, Greensboro, North Carolina; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, and Greg Fox, BNSF Railway Company, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Christensen, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California.

YAKIMA RIVER BASIN WATER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, after receiving testimony from Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Derek Sandison, Washington State Department of Agriculture Director, Olympia; Urban Eberhart, Kittitas Reclamation District, Ellensburg, Washington; Michael Garrity, American Rivers, Tacoma, Washington; and Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources, Toppenish, Washington.

2014 HUMANITARIAN BORDER CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 2014 humanitarian crisis at our border, focusing on a review of the government’s response to unaccompanied minors one year later, after receiving testimony from Juan P. Osuna, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice; Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families; and Philip T. Miller, Assistant Director for Field Operations, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Joseph E. Langlois, Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate, Citizenship and Immigration Services, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine small business health care challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Harte, Landmark Benefits Inc., Hampstead, New Hampshire, on