

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6951–S6959

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2081–2082. **Page S6955**

Measures Passed:

Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act: Senate passed S. 2082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6955–59**

Gardner (for Lee) Amendment No. 2700, to prohibit the transfer of amounts from the Veterans Choice Fund to fund the increase of the authorization to carry out the medical facility construction project of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado. **Page S6956**

Nuclear Weapons Program Workers Day of Remembrance: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 213, designating October 30, 2015, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6959**

TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, September 28, 2015, Senate resume con-

sideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2689, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6959**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S6955**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 1:42 p.m., until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6959.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3610–3619; and 3 resolutions, and H. Res. 441–443 were introduced. **Pages H6259–60**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6260–61**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–267, Part 1). **Page H6259**

RAPID Act: The House passed H.R. 348, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, by a recorded

vote of 233 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 518. Consideration began yesterday, September 24th.

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Rejected the Kuster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 517.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–26 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Marino amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that includes revisions to clarify that the bill is not intended to allow for duplicative agency review proceedings; duplicative project-notification and initiation-of-agency-review procedures; or, challenges to a permitting decision brought in court by parties who were not also parties to the administrative proceedings that produced the challenged decision;

Pages H6235–36

Grijalva amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that requires an evaluation of each alternative in an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment to identify potential effects on low-income communities and communities of color (by a recorded vote of 320 ayes to 88 noes, Roll No. 509); and

Pages H6237–38, H6248–49

Gosar amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that seeks to prohibit federal agencies from following the draft guidance entitled “the Revised Draft Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate change in NEPA Reviews”, issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 514).

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Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to prevent further evaluation or adoption of an alternative that does not adequately address risks associated with flooding, wild-fire, and climate change (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 508);

Pages H6236–37, H6247–48

Gallego amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to grant deadline extensions if requested by a state or local elected official or a local tribal official (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 510);

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to strike the bill provision that deems approved any project for which the reviewing agency does not issue the requested permit

or license within 90–120 days (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 511);

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Dingell amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to prevent a project from being approved under the timeline set forth in the bill if the project would limit access to or opportunities for hunting or fishing, or impact an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 512);

Pages H6240–41, H6250–51

Peters amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to strike section k that prohibits agencies from using the social cost of carbon in an environmental review or environmental decision making process (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 513);

Pages H6241–42, H6251

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to preserve the current law relating to the permitting projects that could be a potential target for a terrorist attack or that involves chemical facilities and other critical infrastructure (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 232 noes, Roll 515); and

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Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–261) that sought to add rule of construction clarifying that nothing in the bill would have the effect of changing or limiting any law or regulation requiring agencies to allow public comment or public participation in their decision-making process (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 516).

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H. Res. 420, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 348) and (H.R. 758) was agreed to on September 17th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Newhouse wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 442, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, September 28th for Morning Hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6247.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6248, H6248–49, H6249, H6250, H6250–51, H6251, H6251–52, H6252–53, H6253, H6255, H6255–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BROADCASTING OWNERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Broadcasting Ownership in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON VIN DATABASE AND AUTO WHISTLEBLOWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on VIN Database and Auto Whistleblower Bills”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D946)

H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports. Signed on September 24, 2015. (Public Law 114–50)

S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites. Signed on September 24, 2015. (Public Law 114–51)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3495, the “Women’s Public Health and Safety Act”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 28 through October 2, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the amendment of the House of Rep-

resentatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2689.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 29, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Transportation Security Administration’s efforts to address inspector general findings, 11:15 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: September 29, to hold hearings to examine United States Cybersecurity policy and threats; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the procurement, acquisition, testing, and oversight of the Navy’s *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Adewale Adeyemo, of California, and Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

September 30, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

October 1, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, “American Crude Oil Export Equality Act”, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 29, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on oversight of our nation’s pipeline network, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 1, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 2031, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 29, to hold hearings to examine economy-wide implications of President Obama’s air agenda, 10 a.m., SD–406.

September 30, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Army Corps of Engineers’ participation in the development of the new regulatory definition of “Waters of the United States”, 10 a.m., SD–406.