

**Withdrawn:**

McConnell Amendment No. 2690 (to Amendment No. 2689), to change the enactment date.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Gardner be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

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**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designations of Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela as beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-24) **Pages S7045-46**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designation of Seychelles as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGO) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-25) **Page S7046**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S7046**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7046**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S7050-51**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—272) **Page S7014**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7053.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, including S. 67, to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, after receiving testimony from Stephen P. Harbeck, Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Sigmund S. Wissner-Gross, Brown Rudnick, LLP, and James W. Giddens, Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and J.W. Verret, George Mason School of Law, Fairfax, Virginia.

### ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded 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", after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense.

### ECONOMIC CRISIS IN UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the economic crisis in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Christine Lagarde, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Education and student achievement, after receiving testimony from Ted Mitchell, Under Secretary of Education; Richard K. Vedder, Center for College Affordability and Productivity, Athens, Ohio; and Kevin Carey, New America, Washington, D.C.

### END OF THE YEAR SPENDING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine end of the year spending, after receiving testimony from Jason J. Fichtner, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; Philip G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of

Public Policy, College Park; and Dean W. Sinclair, Alexandria, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1893, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 481, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian R. Martinotti, and Julien Xavier Neals, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who were both introduced by Senators Menendez and Booker, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, who was introduced by Senator Fischer, and Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District

Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

### PENSION ADVANCES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pension advances, focusing on questionable business practices and the Federal response, after receiving testimony from Stephen Lord, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Kaycee L. Wolf, Arkansas Securities Department, Little Rock; Stuart T. Rossman, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Maria Walden, Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri, Jefferson City; and Louis Kroot, USN (Ret.), Lexington, Kentucky.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3651–3659; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80; and H. Res. 450–453, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1880, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico (H. Rept. 114–271);

H. Res. 448, providing for the consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 79) directing the Clerk of the House to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719, and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R.

719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–272);

H. Res. 449, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3457) to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–273);