

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S.J. Res. 24, Carbon Pollution Emission Resolution.

Senate passed S.J. Res. 23, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7973–S8028

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2284–2295, S.J. Res. 25, and S. Res. 314. **Pages S8020–21**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 515, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 310, condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

S. 2184, to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Measures Passed:

Carbon Pollution Emission Resolution: By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate passed S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S7979–S8012**

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Resolution: By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 307), Senate passed S.J. Res. 23, providing for congressional disapproval

under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Page S8012**

Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2297, to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S8027**

Daines (for Rubio) Amendment No. 2810, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8027**

Daines (for Rubio/Shahen) Amendment No. 2811, to amend the title. **Page S8027**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, be withdrawn; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in concurrence with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the bill. **Page S8027**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–32) **Page S8014**

Messages from the House: **Pages S8014–15**

Measures Referred: **Page S8015**

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Privileges of the Floor:	Page S8027
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—307)	Page S8012
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8027.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, after receiving testimony from Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMC (Ret.), Member, and Richard V. Spencer, former Member, both of the Defense Business Board; David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, PricewaterhouseCoopers' Public Sector Practice; and Lisa Bisaccia, CVS Health.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, focusing on agencies' efforts to assess program effectiveness and modernize the firefighting aviation fleet, after receiving testimony from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John Maisch, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Fairbanks, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; William Wallace Covington, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute, Flagstaff; Richard Zerkel, Lynden Air Cargo, LLC, Anchorage, Alaska; Mike Burnett, Chelan County Fire District 1,

Wenatchee, Washington; and Jon Wyss, Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group, Brewster, Washington.

PHYSICIAN OWNED DISTRIBUTORS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, after receiving testimony from Scott Lederhaus, Association for Medical Ethics, Monarch Beach, California; John Steinmann, American Association of Surgical Distributors, Redlands, California; Suzie Draper, Intermountain Healthcare, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Kevin Reynolds, Ventura, California.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, November 16, 2015, Committee received a closed briefing on United States policy tools to combat North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities from Sung Kim, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Department of State; and Andrea Hall, National Intelligence Officer for WMD, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

U.S. OVERSEAS BROADCASTING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, after receiving testimony from John Lansing, CEO and Director, Jeff Shell, Chairman, and Kenneth R. Weinstein, Member, all of the Broadcasting Board of Governors; Enders Wimbush, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Klose, University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism, College Park.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Burr, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the relationship between the Federal government and state and local law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Vanita Gupta, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Ronald L. Davis, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of the Department of Justice; Heather