

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S925–S965

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2564–2569. **Page S959**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the junior Senator from Montana be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. **Page S965**

Califf Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S928–37, S938–54**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, notwithstanding Rule XXII; and that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S965**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S965.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, United States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine defense health care reform, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono, USN, Director of the Defense Health Agency, Lieutenant General Mark A. Ediger, USAF, Surgeon General of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Nadja Y. West, USA, Surgeon General of the Army and Commanding General, Army Medical Command, Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison III, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, all of the Department of Defense; Bernadette C. Loftus, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group; A. Mark Fendrick, University of Michigan Center for Value-Based Insurance Design; David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance; and John E. Whitley, Institute for Defense Analyses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years

Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank G. Klotz, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Monica C. Regalbuto, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy; Anne M. Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Admiral James F. Caldwell, Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, Brigadier General Stephen L. Davis, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration; and David C. Trimble, Director, United States and International Nuclear Security and Cleanup, Government Accountability Office.

PASSENGER RAIL OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine passenger rail, focusing on opportunities and challenges for the national network, after receiving testimony from Mayor Knox Ross, Pelahatchie, Mississippi, on behalf of the Southern Rail Commission; Timothy H. Hoeffner, Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing, on behalf of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission; City Manager Rick Klein, La Junta, Colorado; and Joe Boardman, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT AT 40

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the Magnuson-Stevens Act at 40, focusing on successes, challenges, and the path forward, after receiving testimony from Samuel D. Rauch III, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opioid epidemic, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Assistant Attorney-in-Charge David Hart, Oregon Department of Justice Health Fraud Unit/Consumer Protection Section, Salem; Allan Coukell, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.; and

Nancy K. Young, Children and Family Futures, Inc., Lake Forest, California.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

ESSA IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation in states and school districts, focusing on perspectives from education leaders, after receiving testimony from Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert, Salt Lake City; Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers, Madison; David R. Schuler, Township High School District 214, Arlington Heights, Illinois; and Kati Haycock, The Education Trust, Delia Pompa, Migration Policy Institute, Becky Pringle, National Education Association, and Randi Weingarten, American Federation of Teachers, all of Washington, D.C.

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN CRISIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the unaccompanied children crisis, focusing on how to stop the border surge and adequately monitor the children, after receiving testimony from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Ronald Vitiello, Acting Chief, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, and Thomas Homan, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Mark Greenberg, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and Juan P. Osuna, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for Veterans' Programs and fiscal year 2018 advance appropriations request, after receiving testimony from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Paul Varela, Disabled American Veterans, Ray Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4580–4595; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 117; and H. Res. 615–623, were introduced. **Pages H853–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H855–56**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on February 16, 2016 as follows:

H.R. 3624, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–422).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4402, to require a review of information regarding persons who have traveled or attempted to travel from the United States to support terrorist organizations in Syria and Iraq, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–423);

H.R. 4408, to require the development of a national strategy to combat terrorist travel, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–424);

H.R. 4398, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for requirements relating to documentation for major acquisition programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–425);

H.R. 3821, to amend title XIX to require the publication of a provider directory in the case of States providing for medical assistance on a fee-for-service basis or through a primary care case-management system, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–426);

H.R. 3716, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide to the Secretary of Health and Human Services certain information with respect to provider terminations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–427);

H. Res. 618, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder (H. Rept. 114–428); and

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2406) to protect and enhance opportuni-

ties for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–429).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Buck to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H821**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. **Page H822**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: S. 2109, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; **Pages H823–24**

Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act: H.R. 3584, amended, to authorize, streamline, and identify efficiencies within the Transportation Security Administration; **Pages H824–30**

National Strategy to Combat Terrorist Travel Act of 2016: H.R. 4408, amended, to require the development of a national strategy to combat terrorist travel, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 83; **Pages H830–31, H835**

DHS Acquisition Documentation Integrity Act of 2016: H.R. 4398, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for requirements relating to documentation for major acquisition programs; and **Pages H831–33**

Foreign Fighter Review Act of 2016: H.R. 4402, amended, to require a review of information regarding persons who have traveled or attempted to travel from the United States to support terrorist organizations in Syria and Iraq, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 84. **Pages H833–34, H836**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H834**

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable