

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S967–S1016*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2570–2579, S.J. Res. 30, and S. Res. 372–374. **Pages S994–95**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–209)

S. 659, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–210)

S. 1024, to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–211)

S. 1674, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship. (S. Rept. No. 114–212)

S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas. (S. Rept. No. 114–213) **Page S994**

**Relative to the Death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2016, the Senate begin consideration of S. Res. 374, relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, which is at the desk and I ask that it be held, and that Senate then vote on the resolution, and that if the resolution is agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S1015**

**Justice Scalia Tributes—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Justice Scalia for the Record until March 10, 2016, and that all tributes be printed as a Senate document. **Pages S1015–16**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the modification and continuation of the national emergency with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–42) **Page S990**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S969–74, S1016**

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

Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress for a term of ten years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S1016**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S990–91**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1015**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) **Page S974**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1016.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Patrick Murphy, Acting Secretary, and General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, and Kristine Svinicki, William Ostendorff, and Jeff Baran, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine Iran's intelligence and unconventional military capabilities, after receiving testimony from Andrew Exum, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle East Policy, Christopher P. Maier, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combatting Terrorism, and Brigadier General Michael E. Kurilla, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counter-Terrorism, J-37, and Colonel John F. Gonzales, USAF, Deputy Chief for Middle East Directorate, J-5, both of the Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Renewable Fuel Standard, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Brooke Coleman, Advanced Biofuels Business Council, Boston, Massachusetts; Lucian Pugliaresi, Energy Policy Research Foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Ronald E. Minsk, Rockville, Maryland.

### ENDING MODERN SLAVERY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending modern slavery, after receiving testimony from Cindy H. McCain, The McCain Institute for International Leadership Human Trafficking Advisory Council, and Maurice I. Middleberg, Free the Slaves, both of Washington, D.C., and Evelyn Chumbow, United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, College Park, Maryland.

### UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, focusing on opportunities for improvement to support state and local governments, including S. 189, to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, after receiving testimony from Representative Foxx; Utah Senator Curt Bramble, National Conference of State Legislatures, Bryan Desloge, National Association of Counties, and Richard J. Pierce, Jr., The George Washington University Law School, all of Washington, D.C.; and Paul Posner, George Mason University Center on the Public Service, Arlington, Virginia.

### ZIKA VIRUS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Zika virus, focusing on addressing the growing public health threat, after receiving testimony from Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Robin A. Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary and BARDA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.