

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1017–S1062*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2580–2603, S.J. Res. 31, S. Res. 375–376, and S. Con. Res. 32. **Pages S1057–58**

**Measures Passed:**

*Relative to the Death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia:* By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 26), Senate agreed to S. Res. 374, relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Page S1036**

**Measures Considered:**

**Comprehensive Addiction And Recovery Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use. **Pages S1037–45**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 25, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 29, 2016. **Page S1037**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, February 29, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m., equally divided between the two managers, or their designees. **Page S1062**

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

Donald W. Beatty, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Vice Cameron M. Currie, retired.

Donald C. Coggins, Jr., of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Page S1062**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1056**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1057**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—26) **Page S1036**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1062.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Loretta E. Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jennifer M. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Todd A. Weiler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all

of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### LIFE SAVING TREATMENTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine connecting patients to new and potential life saving treatments, after receiving testimony from Darcy Olsen, Goldwater Institute, Phoenix, Arizona; Joseph V. Gulfo, Farleigh Dickinson University Rothman Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, New York, New York; Nancy Goodman, Kids v Cancer, Washington, D.C.; Laura McLinn, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Diego Morris, Phoenix, Arizona.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Robert C. Scott, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### IMPACT OF HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded a hearing to examine the impact of high-skilled immigration on United States workers, after receiving testimony from John M. Miano, Washington Alliance of Technology Workers, Summit, New Jersey; Mark O'Neill, Jackthreads, New York, New York; Hal Salzman, Rutgers University E.J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy J.J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Chad Sparber, Colgate University, Hamilton,

New York; Ronil Hira, Howard University, Washington, D.C.; and Leo Perrero, Longwood, Florida.

#### U.S. PATENT SYSTEM

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine changes to the United States patent system and impacts on America's small businesses, including S. 632, to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy, S. 926, to amend the patent law to promote basic research, to stimulate publication of scientific documents, to encourage collaboration in scientific endeavors, to improve the transfer of technology to the private sector, S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, H.R. 9, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and H.R. 616, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for reforms to the EB-5 immigrant investor program, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Stoll, Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP, and Brian P. O'Shaughnessy, Licensing Executives Society (USA and Canada), Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 4612–4632; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82; H. Con. Res. 118–119; and H. Res. 625–626, were introduced. **Pages H948–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H950–51**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hardy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H895**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H900**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m. **Page H915**

**Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2016:** The House passed H.R. 3624, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 89. **Pages H907–15, H915–18**

Rejected the Watson Coleman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 88. **Pages H916–17**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be