

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1351–S1396

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2655–2659, and S. Res. 394–395. **Pages S1387–88**

Measures Reported:

S. 1443, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources. (S. Rept. No. 114–225) **Page S1387**

Measures Passed:

National Asbestos Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 376, designating the first week of April 2016 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1392**

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 395, supporting the designation of March 2016, as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S1393**

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1357–84**

Adopted:

Grassley (for Donnelly/Capito) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide follow-up services to individuals who have received opioid overdose reversal drugs. **Pages S1357, S1361**

Grassley Amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1357, S1361**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 33), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1361**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, March 10, 2016; that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the bill expire at 11:30 a.m.; and that the time following morning business until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided between the two managers, or their designees. **Page S1393**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—33) **Page S1361**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1393.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Mary Smith, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Nadja West, Surgeon General of the Army, Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison III, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Mark A. Ediger, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Chris Miller, Program Executive Officer of the Defense Healthcare Management Systems, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Joseph L. Votel, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond A. Thomas III, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOD SECURITY COOPERATION, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense security cooperation and assistance programs and authorities, after receiving testimony from Commander Jeff Eggers, USN (Ret.), New America, Melissa Dalton, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Michael J. McNerney, RAND Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a closed hearing to examine military space threats and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, both of the Department of Defense; and Troy E. Meink, Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Systems and Resource Analyses.

EPA REGULATORY ACTIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cooperative federalism, focusing on state perspectives on Environmental Protection Agency regulatory actions and the role of states as co-regulators, after receiving testimony from Steven Pirner, South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Pierre; Becky Keogh, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, North Little Rock; Randy C. Huffman, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Charleston; Deb Markowitz, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Montpelier; and Ali Mirzakhali, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Division of Air Quality, Dover.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1878, to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1077, to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1101, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2055, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1767, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1597, to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2512, to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education.

INDIAN COUNTRY BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for Indian Country, after receiving testimony from Karol V. Mason, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Lawrence S. Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Mary Smith, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Aaron Payment, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

DOJ OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Loretta E. Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

ANTITRUST LAWS OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, including S. 2102, to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, after receiving testimony from Bill Baer, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 11 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command, United States Northern Command, and United States Southern Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session following the open session in SVC-217, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1252, to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build