

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 524, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1397–S1444

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2660–2670, and S. Res. 396–397. **Page S1439**

Measures Passed:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act: By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 34), Senate passed S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use. **Pages S1403–16**

Measures Considered:

Military Sale of F–16 Aircraft to Pakistan: By 71 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 35), Senate tabled the motion to discharge the Foreign Relations Committee from further consideration of S.J. Res. 31, relating to the disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Pakistan of F–16 Block 52 aircraft. **Pages S1422–24**

King Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education; that there be 90 minutes for debate only on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S1416**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S1443, S1444**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S1438–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1439–41**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Page S1438**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1443**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—35) **Pages S1404, S1423–24**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:27 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1443–44.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from John King, Acting Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, David J. Shulkin, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and Danny G. I. Pummill, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Julian Castro, Secretary, and David A. Montoya, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Admiral Cecil E. D. Haney, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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 resilience among vulnerable populations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 375, raising awareness of modern slavery;

S. Res. 368, supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and the end of the country's enduring internal armed conflict and recognizing United States support for Colombia at the 15th anniversary of Plan Colombia;

S. Res. 388, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with amendments;

S. Res. 392, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the prosecution and conviction of former President Mohamed Nasheed without due process and urging the Government of the Maldives to take all necessary steps to redress this injustice, to release all political prisoners, and to ensure due process and freedom from political prosecution for all the people of the Maldives;

S. Res. 378, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Yefimovich Nemtsov and renewing the call for a full and transparent investigation into the tragic murder of Boris Yefimovich Nemtsov in Moscow on February 27, 2015;

S. Res. 383, recognizing the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation; and

The nominations of Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Amos J. Hochstein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Resources), Robert Annan Riley III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Matthew John Matthews, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, R. David Harden, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Stephen Michael Schwartz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Kelly Keiderling-Franz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Elizabeth Holzhall Richard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, Christine Ann Elder, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, and Adam H. Sterling, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ACA HEALTH INSURANCE CONSUMER OPERATED AND ORIENTED PLAN PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the Affordable Care Act health insurance Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan program, after receiving testimony from Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, and Kevin Counihan, Marketplace Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Administrator, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Scott E. Harrington, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the commer-

cial applications of unmanned aircraft for small businesses, including an original bill entitled, “Micro Drone Safety and Innovation Act”, S. 2658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, S. 2156, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a criminal penalty for launching drones that interfere with fighting fires affecting Federal property or responding to disasters affecting interstate or foreign commerce, S. 1314, to establish an interim rule for the operation of small unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes and their safe integration into the national airspace system, S. 2626, to authorize the operation of unmanned aircraft systems by institutions of higher education for educational and research purposes, and S. 635, to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, after receiving testimony from Brian Wynne, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, and Eli Dourado, George Mason University Mercatus Center Technology Policy Program, both of Arlington, Virginia; Tim Canoll, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; Thomas W. Vaneck, Physical Sciences Inc., Andover, Massachusetts; and Gregory S. McNeal, Pepperdine University, Santa Monica, California.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4721–4728; were introduced. **Page H1301**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1302**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1820, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative com-

mercial quantities determination, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–446);

H.R. 2857, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–447);

H.R. 3079, to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and