

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1445–S1474*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2671–2676, S. Res. 398, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S1463**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 742, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–226)

S. 1638, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–227)

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. **Page S1463**

#### Measures Passed:

*National Speech and Debate Education Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, designating March 15, 2016, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”. **Page S1469**

#### House Messages:

**National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act:** Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, taking action on the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1458–60**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1458**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S1458**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. **Page S1458**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. **Page S1469**

#### Appointments:

*United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:* The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ambassador Jackie Wolcott of Virginia. **Page S1469**

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

By 49 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education. **Pages S1457, S1474**

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

11 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
18 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1473–74**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1462**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1462–63**

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S1463–64  
**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** Pages S1464–67  
**Additional Statements:** Pages S1461–62  
**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S1467–69  
**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—36) Page S1457  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

March 15, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1473.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4729–4738; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 124; and H. Res. 638–639, 641–642, were introduced. Pages H1344–45

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H1345–46

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2745, 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 (H. Rept. 114–449);

H.R. 2273, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–450);

H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–451);

H.R. 2984, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review (H. Rept. 114–452); and

H. Res. 640, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4596) to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3797) to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility

steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy (H. Rept. 114–453). Page H1344

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1303

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H1303

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. Page H1304

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

**Fair RATES Act:** H.R. 2984, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review; Pages H1304–05

**Energy Efficient Government Technology Act:** H.R. 1268, amended, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies; Pages H1305–07

**Amending section 203 of the Federal Power Act:** H.R. 4427, amended, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; Pages H1307–08

**Reinstating and extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam:** H.R. 2080, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; Pages H1308–09

**Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project:** H.R. 4411, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; Page H1311