

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2848, Water Resources Development Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5729—5869

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3332–3350, and S. Res. 560–569. **Pages S5842–43**

Measures Reported:

S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–351)

S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue provisions relating to the Arkansas Valley Conduit, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–352)

S. 2902, to provide for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infrastructure, and protection of existing water rights, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–353)

S. 3155, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title. **Page S5842**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 141), Senate passed S. 2848, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5736–S5811**

Adopted:

Inhofe (for Isakson/Perdue) Amendment No. 5075 (to Amendment No. 4979), to deauthorize the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, Georgia and South Carolina. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 5063 (to Amendment No. 4979), to provide for rehabilitation of certain dams. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Cochran) Amendment No. 5076 (to Amendment No. 4979), to make technical corrections. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Paul) Amendment No. 5068 (to Amendment No. 4979), to ensure that the Secretary does not charge a fee for certain surplus water. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Cardin) Amendment No. 5069 (to Amendment No. 4979), to require an annual survey of sea grasses in the Chesapeake Bay. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Hoeven/Heitkamp) Modified Amendment No. 5074 (to Amendment No. 4979), to limit the permit fees for cabins and trailers on land administered by the Dakotas Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation and to allow trailer area permittees at Heart Butte Dam and Reservoir (Lake Tschida) to continue using trailer homes on their permitted lots. **Pages S5742–43**

Inhofe (for Tester/Daines) Amendment No. 5077 (to Amendment No. 4979), to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settlement of claims to water rights in the State of Montana for the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the United States, for the benefit of the Tribe and allottees. **Page S5743**

Inhofe (for Sasse) Modified Amendment No. 5066 (to Amendment No. 4979), to require a GAO review and report on certain projects. **Page S5743**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adoption of McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4979, as amended, the amendments (listed above) were agreed to. **Pages S5741–42**

Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act: Senate passed H.R. 2494, to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5832–35**

Coons/Flake Amendment No. 5078, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5834**

Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the “Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5867–68**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 565, designating the week beginning September 12, 2016, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S5868**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 566, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable. **Page S5868**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 567, designating the week beginning October 16, 2016, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S5868**

National Towing Industry Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, recognizing the invaluable contributions of the towing and recovery industry in the United States, the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum, towing associations around the world, and the members of those towing associations and designating the week of September 9 through 15, 2016, as “National Towing Industry Awareness Week”. **Page S5868**

Small Business Saturday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, recognizing November 26, 2016, as “Small Business Saturday” and supporting the efforts of the Small Business Administration to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses. **Page S5868**

Measures Considered:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. **Page S5811**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2016. **Page S5741**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5868**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Treaty with Kazakhstan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 114–11) as amended;

Treaty with Algeria on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 114–3) as amended; and

Treaty with Jordan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 114–4) as amended. **Pages S5864–65**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 142), Susan S. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office. **Pages S5817–19, S5868**

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S5865–67, S5868–69**

Messages from the House: **Page S5842**

Measures Referred: **Page S5842**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S5729, S5842**

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Additional Statements: Pages S5840–42
Amendments Submitted: Pages S5852–64
Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S5864
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—142) Page S5743

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5868.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher James Brummer, of the District of Columbia, and Brian D. Quintenz, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LONG-TERM BUDGETARY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term budgetary challenges facing the military services and innovative solutions for maintaining our military superiority, after receiving testimony from General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations of the United States Navy, General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Mignon L. Clyburn, Michael O'Rielly, and Jessica Rosenworcel, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on United States policy and international commitments, after receiving testimony from Richard Olson, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald L. Sampler, Jr.,

Assistant to the Administrator, and Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, United States Agency for International Development.

NORWAY CIVIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reviewing the civil nuclear agreement with Norway, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Security and Non-proliferation.

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of health insurance markets, after receiving testimony from Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, Director, Ohio Department of Insurance, Columbus; J.P. Wieske, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Madison; Nick Gerhart, Iowa Insurance Commissioner, Des Moines; and Mike Kreidler, Washington State Insurance Commissioner, Tumwater.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2763, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3155, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title;

S. 3270, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal response and resources for Louisiana flood victims, including S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, and S. 3301, to amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of transmissible diseases are eligible for disaster relief, after receiving testimony from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Louisiana State Representative