

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7185–S7223

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2120–2125, and S. Res. 331. **Pages S7213–14**

Measures Passed:

National Adoption Day and Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S7192–94**

Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act: Senate passed S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1584, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7220**

Portland Thorns FC: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 318, honoring the Portland Thorns FC as the champion of the National Women's Soccer League in 2017, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7221**

McConnell (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1585, to amend the preamble. **Page S7221**

Zatezalo Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. **Page S7206**

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7206**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. **Page S7221**

Esper and Zatezalo Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:50 a.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, that there be up to ten minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that following disposition of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, all post-cloture time on the nomination of David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, be considered expired. **Pages S7206–09**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 272), Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Timothy R. Petty, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Jason Klitenic, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Thomas D. Homan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

108 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

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Timothy Kelly, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, which was sent to the Senate on October 3, 2017. **Page S7223**

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7219**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—273) **Page S7206**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7221.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony Kurta, of Montana, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, who was introduced by Senator Strange, both of the Department of Defense, and Gregory E. Maggs, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, R. D. James, of Missouri, and Bruce D. Jette, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to

examine technology in agriculture, focusing on data-driven farming, after receiving testimony from Justin Knopf, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Gypsum; Jason G. Tatge, Farmobile, Leawood, Kansas; Shannon L. Ferrell, Oklahoma State University Department of Agricultural Economics, Stillwater; Todd J. Janzen, Janzen Agricultural Law LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Dorota Haman, University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Gainesville.

HURRICANE RECOVERY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, after receiving testimony from Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Major General Ed Jackson, USA, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; United States Virgin Islands Governor Kenneth E. Mapp, St. Thomas; Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló, Ricardo Ramos, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Natalie Jaresko, Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, and Jose Roman Morales, Puerto Rico Energy Commission, all of San Juan; and Julio A. Rhymer, Sr., Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, St. Croix.

EMISSIONS LEGISLATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine S. 1857, to establish a compliance deadline of May 15, 2023, for Step 2 emissions standards for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces, S. 203, to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, S. 839, to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with such rule, and S. 1934, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, after receiving testimony from Senator Burr; Davis Henry, Henry Brick, Selma, Alabama; Christopher J. Kersting, Specialty Equipment Market Association, Diamond Bar, California; Paul Williams, United States Stove Company, Bridgeport, Alabama; and Emily Hammond, The George Washington University Law School, and John D. Walke, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.