

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S159–S219

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 149–179, and S. Res. 26. **Pages S200–01**

Measures Passed:

Providing for a Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 7, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S217**

Measures Considered:

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S162–74, S174–84, S184–97**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S184–86**

Markey/Baldwin Amendment No. 13 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil. **Page S186**

Portman/Shaheen Amendment No. 3 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote energy efficiency. **Pages S186–89**

Cantwell (for Franken) Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the use of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States in the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline and facilities. **Pages S189–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that consideration of these pending amendments and the bill be for debate only during this week's consideration of the bill. **Page S184**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 16, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S217**

Transnational Drug Trafficking Act—Bill Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 32, to provide the Department of

Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, be discharged from the Committee on Finance and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S217**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019.

Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps. **Pages S218–19**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S218.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 287–339; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 29–30, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H360**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 160 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 22.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 29, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 185, to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, by a recorded vote of 250 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 28.

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Rejected the Rice (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 27.

Pages H270–71

Agreed to:

McKinley amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), ensures that the Agencies, when developing regulations, take into consideration and account for low-income populations. Furthermore, the Amendment provides that no particular class or race is excluded when it comes to looking at costs and benefits of the regulation (by a recorded vote of 254 yeas to 168 noes, Roll No. 23).

Pages H260–62, H267–68

Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), exempts from H.R. 185 all rules or guidance that the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 24);

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), exempts all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 25); and

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Connolly amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), exempts any rule or guidance pertaining to public health or safety (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 26).

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H. Res. 27, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 37), (H.R. 185), and (H.R. 240), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 21, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 20.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 30, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015: The House considered H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act: The House considered H.R. 37, to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank

Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, and to reduce regulatory burdens. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H341–54**

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 14. **Page H354**

Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi: Representatives Westmoreland, Jordan, Roskam, Pompeo, Roby, and Brooks (IN). **Page H354**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today and appears on page H331.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H247, H247–48, H248–49, H267–68, H268, H269, H269–70, H271, and H271–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Con-

gress. Resolutions to establish the rules of the committee; the jurisdiction of the subcommittees; the Republican chairmen, vice-chairmen, and membership of the subcommittees; the Democratic ranking members and membership of the subcommittees; and the oversight plan were adopted.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress.

MOVING AMERICA FORWARD: WITH A FOCUS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Moving America Forward: With a Focus on Economic Growth". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Friday, January 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Wednesday, January 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 240—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 and H.R. 37—Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act.

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