

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S447–S494

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 250–255, and S. Res. 39–41. [Page S466](#)

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. [Page S466](#)

Measures Passed:

Congratulating North Dakota State University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. [Page S488](#)

Measures Considered:

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: [Page S449–60](#)

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute. [Page S449](#)

Vitter/Cassidy Modified Amendment No. 80 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide for the distribution of revenues from certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf. [Page S449](#)

Murkowski (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 2), to restrict the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to arm agency personnel. [Page S449](#)

Cardin Amendment No. 75 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide communities that rely on drinking water from a source that may be affected by a tar sands spill from the Keystone XL pipeline an analysis of the potential risks to public health and the environment from a leak or rupture of the pipeline. [Page S449](#)

Murkowski Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress relating to adaptation projects in the United States Arctic region and rural communities. [Page S449](#)

Flake Amendment No. 103 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs. [Page S449](#)

Cruz Amendment No. 15 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote economic growth and job creation by increasing exports. [Page S449](#)

Moran/Cruz Amendment No. 73 (to Amendment No. 2), to delist the lesser prairie-chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. [Page S449](#)

Daines Amendment No. 132 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding the designation of National Monuments. [Page S449](#)

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

By 53 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Murkowski Amendment No. 2 (listed above). [Page S454–55](#)

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Murkowski Amendment No. 2 (listed above). [Page S455](#)

By 53 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 30), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. [Page S455](#)

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. [Page S455](#)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided with the Democrats controlling the first half, and the Republicans controlling the final half. [Page S488](#)

Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Hatch, Grassley, Crapo, Wyden, and Stabenow. [Page S488](#)

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2020.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. [Page S490-94](#)

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—30) [Page S454-55](#)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S488.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 522–538; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 9; and H. Res. 49–51, were introduced. [Page H581-82](#)

Additional Cosponsors: [Page H583-84](#)

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 48, providing for consideration on the bill (H.R. 351) to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–5). [Page H581](#)

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Allen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. [Page H537](#)

Recess: The House recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. [Page H538](#)

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Smith (NJ), Chairman. [Page H539](#)

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the

following Member of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Smith (NJ), Chairman.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m. [Page H539](#)

Morning Hour Debate: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 6, 2015 regarding Morning Hour debate does not apply tomorrow, January 27th. [Page H539](#)

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

Human Trafficking Prioritization Act: H.R. 514, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government; [Page H539-42](#)

International Megan's Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: H.R. 515, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, and requesting foreign governments to

notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States;

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Human Trafficking Prevention Act: H.R. 357, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons; and

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Enhancing Services for Runaway and Homeless Victims of Youth Trafficking Act of 2015: H.R. 468, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act of 2015: H.R. 469, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking; and

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Improving the response to victims of child sex trafficking: H.R. 246, to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 539.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 351, the “LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 351. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Pallone, Johnson of Ohio, and Garamendi.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine global challenges and U.S. national security strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine perspectives on the strategic necessity of Iran sanctions, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine President Obama’s 2015 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on supporting teachers and school leaders, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade: hearing entitled “What are the Elements of Sound Data Breach Legislation?”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Public Health Legislation to Help Patients and Local Communities”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: An Update from the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Iran Nuclear Negotiations After the Second Extension: Where Are They Going?”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Nigeria on the Brink?”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “The Evolution of Terrorist Propaganda: The Paris Attack and Social Media”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on the “Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; markup on H.R. 50, the “Unfunded Mandates Information Transparency Act of 2015”; and H.R. 313, the “Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “The Expanding Cyber Threat”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Rebuilding After the Storm: Lessening Impacts and Speeding Recovery”, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, business meeting to designate Congresswoman Kathleen Rice to subcommittees; hearing on H.R. 189, the “Servicemember Foreclosure Protections Extension Act of 2015”; H.R. 216, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 245, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify certain existing provisions of law relating to effective dates for claims under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 280, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 294, the “Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Policy Agenda”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Select Committee on Benghazi, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing 3”, relating to status review of outstanding requests, 10:30 a.m., HVC-210.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 27 through January 30, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: January 28, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 4 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: January 27, to hold hearings to examine global challenges and U.S. national security strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

January 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the “Budget Control Act of 2011” and sequestration on national security, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

January 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global challenges and the U.S. national security strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 27, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine perspectives on the strategic necessity of Iran sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

January 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: January 28, to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office’s (CBO) budget and economic outlook for fiscal years 2015–2025, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 28, to hold hearings to examine freight rail transportation, focusing on enhancing safety, efficiency, and commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

January 29, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving the performance of transportation networks, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 29, to hold hearings to examine S. 33, to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 28, to hold hearings to examine MAP-21 reauthorization, focusing on Federal and state perspectives, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: January 27, to hold hearings to examine President Obama’s 2015 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

January 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 11 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 28, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

January 29, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 27, to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on supporting teachers and school leaders, 10 a.m., SH-216.

January 28, Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, committee rules of procedure, subcommittee assignments, S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, an original bill entitled, “Strengthening Education Through Research Act”, and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

January 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine employer wellness programs, focusing on better health outcomes and lower costs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 28, to hold hearings to examine protecting America from cyber attacks, focusing on the importance of information sharing, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: January 28, organizational business meeting to consider selection of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, committee rules of procedure, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian country priorities for the 114th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 28, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of the Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

January 29, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the nomination of the Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: January 29, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, 12 noon, S-219, Capitol.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: January 28, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 27, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

January 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: January 28, to hold hearings to examine combating financial exploitation of vulnerable seniors, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations: January 28, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 9:15 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: January 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Case for Reform: Improving DOD’s Ability to Respond to the Pace of Technological Change”, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: January 28, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 9:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: January 28, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Supercomputing and American Technology Leadership”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: January 28, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Quality and Cost of VA Health Care”, 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
11 a.m., Tuesday, January 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Tuesday, January 27

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 351—LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: (1) H.R. 350—Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act of 2015; (2) H.R. 159—Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2015, as amended; (3) H.R. 285—Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act of 2015; (4) H.R. 181—Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, as amended; (5) H.R. 460—Human Trafficking Detection Act of 2015; and (6) H.R. 398—Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2015.

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