

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S611–S665

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 299–323, and S. Res. 53–58. **Page S653**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 53, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. Res. 55, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 57, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget. **Pages S652–53**

Measures Passed:

Keystone XL Pipeline: By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 49), Senate passed S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S620–45**

Adopted:

Murkowski (for Barrasso) Modified Amendment No. 245, to clarify that certain consultation requirements with respect to Indian tribes remain in effect. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S621, S624**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 42), Daines Amendment No. 246, to express the sense of Congress that reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund should be a priority. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, January 28, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S621–23**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 43), Burr Modified Amendment No. 92, to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, January 28, 2015, the

amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S621, S623–24**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 44), Udall Amendment No. 77, to establish a renewable electricity standard. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, January 28, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S621, S624**

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 46), Booker Amendment No. 155, to allow permitting agencies to consider new circumstances and new information. **Pages S621, S635–36**

Boxer Amendment No. 130, to preserve existing permits and the authority of the agencies issuing the permits to modify the permits if necessary. **Pages S621, S636**

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 47), Markey Amendment No. 141, to delay the effective date until the President determines that the pipeline will not have certain negative impacts. **Page S636**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 48), Markey Amendment No. 178, to ensure that products derived from tar sands are treated as crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum. **Pages S621, S637**

Withdrawn:

Vitter/Cassidy Further Modified Amendment No. 80, to provide for the distribution of revenues from certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf. **Pages S621–22**

Cardin Amendment No. 124, to clarify that treaties with Indian tribes remain in effect. **Pages S621, S624–26**

Murkowski (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 67, to restrict the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to arm agency personnel. **Pages S621, S626**

Murkowski Amendment No. 98, to express the sense of Congress relating to adaptation projects in the United States Arctic region and rural communities. **Pages S621, S626**

Flake Amendment No. 103, to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs. **Pages S621, S626**

Merkley Amendment No. 174, to express the sense of Congress that the United States should prioritize and fund adaptation projects in communities in the United States while also helping to fund climate change adaptation in developing countries. **Pages S621, S626**

Tillis/Burr Amendment No. 102, to provide for leasing on the outer Continental Shelf and the distribution of certain qualified revenues from such leasing. **Pages S621, S626**

Cantwell (for Peters/Stabenow) Amendment No. 55, to require a study of the potential environmental impact of by-products of the Keystone XL pipeline. **Pages S621, S626**

Cantwell/Boxer Amendment No. 131, to ensure that if the Keystone XL Pipeline is built, it will be built safely and in compliance with United States environmental laws. **Pages S621, S637–45**

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

Pursuant to the order of January 28, 2015, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on January 26, 2015, was agreed to. **Page S626**

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By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 45), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S626**

National Mentoring Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, recognizing January 2015 as “National Mentoring Month”. **Page S662**

Clay Hunt SAV Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, February 2, 2015, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, without any intervening action or debate. **Page S633**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force and Marine Corps. **Pages S664–65**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2018.

Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S663–64**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—49) **Pages S623–24, S626, S636–37**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:54 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S662.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Moran (Chair), Blunt, Cochran, McConnell, Collins, Hoeven, Daines, Merkley, Feinstein, Tester, Udall, Leahy, and Baldwin.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Shelby (Chair), Alexander, Murkowski, Collins, Graham, Kirk, Boozman, Capito, Lankford, Mikulski, Leahy, Feinstein, Reed, Shaheen, Coons, Baldwin, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators Cochran (Chair), McConnell, Shelby, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Blunt, Daines, Moran, Durbin, Leahy, Feinstein, Mikulski, Murray, Reed, Tester, Udall, and Schatz.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Alexander (Chair), Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Lankford, Feinstein, Murray, Tester, Durbin, Udall, Shaheen, Merkley, and Coons.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Boozman (Chair), Moran, Lankford, Coons, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Hoeven (Chair), Cochran, Shelby, Murkowski, Graham, Cassidy, Shaheen, Leahy, Murray, Tester, and Baldwin.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Murkowski (Chair), Alexander, Cochran, Blunt, Hoeven, McConnell, Daines, Cassidy, Udall, Feinstein, Leahy, Reed, Tester, and Merkley.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Blunt (Chair), Moran, Shelby, Cochran, Alexander, Graham, Kirk, Cassidy, Capito, Lankford, Murray, Durbin, Reed, Mikulski, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, and Baldwin.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Capito (Chair), Kirk, Moran, Schatz, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Kirk (Chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Tester, Murray, Reed, Udall, Schatz, Baldwin, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Graham, McConnell, Kirk, Blunt, Boozman, Moran, Lankford, Daines, Leahy, Mikulski, Durbin, Shaheen, Coons, Merkley, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Collins (Chair), Shelby, Alexander, Kirk, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Cassidy, Daines, Reed, Mikulski, Murray, Durbin, Feinstein, Coons, Schatz, and Murphy.

Senators Cochran and Mikulski are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global challenges and the U.S.

national security strategy, after receiving testimony from Henry A. Kissinger, Kissinger Associates, New York, New York, and George P. Shultz, Stanford University Hoover Institution, and Madeleine K. Albright, National Democratic Institute, both of Washington, DC, each a former Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 53) authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 114th Congress.

NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE IRAN ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2015”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 57) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine improving the performance of transportation networks, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from former Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Building America’s Future, Washington, DC; Jim Mullen, Werner Enterprises, and Lance M. Fritz, Union Pacific Railroad, both of Omaha, Nebraska; and Douglas Means, Cabela’s, Sidney, Nebraska.

NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Christopher Smith, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, Martin J. Durbin, America’s Natural Gas Alliance, Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, and David Koranyi, Atlantic Council, all of Washington, DC.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), after receiving testimony from Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center; Christine Wormuth, Under Secretary for Policy, and Major

General Steven M. Shepro, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff Pentagon, both of the Department of Defense; and General John R. Allen (USMC, Ret.), Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

EMPLOYER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine employer wellness programs, focusing on better health outcomes and lower costs, after receiving testimony from Gary Loveman, Caesars Entertainment, Las Vegas, Nevada, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Catherine Baase, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan, on behalf of the American Benefits Council; David Grossman, Group Health Cooperative, Seattle, Washington; James Matthew Abernathy, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Nashville; and Jennifer Mathis, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and Eric Dreiband, Jones Day, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Loretta E.

Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, after receiving testimony from David B. Barlow, Sidley Austin LLP, and Jonathan Turley, George Washington University, both of Washington, DC; David A. Clarke Jr., Milwaukee County Sheriff, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Catherine Engelbrecht, True the Vote, Houston, Texas; Janice K. Fedarcy, Fedarcy Consulting LLC, Crownsville, Maryland; Stephen H. Legomsky, Washington University School of Law, Saint Louis, Missouri; Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz, Georgetown University Law Center, New York, New York; Reverend Clarence G. Newsome, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Sharyl Attkisson, Leesburg, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 54) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Friday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, January 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015.



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