

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S6773–S6820*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2045–2060, S.J. Res. 22, and S. Res. 257–259. **Pages S6809–10**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. (S. Rept. No. 114–144)

H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity. **Page S6809**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Honoring Passenger Train Bravery and Heroism:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, honoring the bravery and heroism of those who selflessly prevented a deadly terrorist attack and saved countless lives while aboard a passenger train bound from Amsterdam to Paris on August 21, 2015. **Page S6818**

**Welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain to the United States:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 253, welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6818**

**Emergency Information Improvement Act:** Senate passed S. 1090, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance. **Page S6819**

**Competitive Service Act:** Senate passed S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates. **Page S6819**

**TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act:** Senate passed H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 2666, to require the Assistant Secretary to submit certain materials and information to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to submit a study to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate. **Page S6820**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Hire More Heroes Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 61, amending 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640), to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2657 (to Amendment No. 2656), to change the enactment date. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2658 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2659 (to Amendment No. 2658), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6775**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2660, to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2661 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2660), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2662 (to Amendment No. 2661), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 266), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution, be withdrawn.

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By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 267), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2640.

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**Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 36, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed 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.

Michael C. McGowan, of Delaware, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, for the term of four years.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S6806–07**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S6817–18**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267) **Pages S6780–81**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6820.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine maritime security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Pacific Command, and David B. Shear, Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, after

the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Shelby, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Manchin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## FEDERAL LAND RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, after receiving testimony from Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kitty Benzar, Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, Durango, Colorado; and David L. Brown, America Outdoors Association, Knoxville, Tennessee.

## TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on State Department processes in establishing tier rankings for the 2015 Trafficking in

Persons Report from Anthony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State.

## BIOSIMILAR IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine biosimilar implementation, focusing on a progress report from FDA, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity; and

The nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 3531–3555; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 424–429 were introduced. **Pages H6135–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6138–39**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Allen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6079**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6086**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Brandon Reems, Center of Hope Community Church, Oakland, California.

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**Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 758, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 501. **Pages H6090–H6121**

Rejected the DelBene 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 yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H6118–20**

H. Res. 420, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 348) and (H.R. 758) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 499. **Pages H6111–12**

Agreed to the Collins (GA) amendment by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 498, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 497. **Pages H6109–11**

**Oath of Office—Eighteenth Congressional District of Illinois:** Representative-elect Darin LaHood presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director, State Board of Elections for the State of Illinois, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held September 10, 2015, the Honorable Darin LaHood was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District, State of Illinois.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Illinois, the whole number of the House is 435. **Page H6110**

**Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 and Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 421, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. and (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion, by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 503, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 502. **Pages H6121–22**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H6090, H6109–10 and H6133.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1090 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 1580 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H6133**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6109, H6111, H6111–12, H6119–20, H6120–21, H6121 and H6122. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

## **Committee Meetings**

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions. H.R. 702 was ordered reported, as amended.

### **PROTECTING INFANTS: ENDING TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS WHO VIOLATE THE LAW**

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Infants: Ending Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Providers Who Violate the Law”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE DODD-FRANK ACT FIVE YEARS LATER: ARE WE MORE FREE?**

**Committee on Financial Services:** Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Free?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **STRENGTHENING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN A TURBULENT GLOBAL ECONOMY**

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Leadership in a Turbulent Global Economy”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Sheets, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE IRAN DEAL: IRGC AND HEZBOLLAH**

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a markup on H. Res. 277, honoring the Tunisian People for their democratic transition; and H. Res. 293, expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority; and a hearing entitled “Major Beneficiaries of the Iran Deal: IRGC and Hezbollah”. H. Res. 277 and H. Res. 293 were forwarded to the full committee, as amended. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **CHALLENGES TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS**

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Challenges to Religious Freedom in the Americas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 3490, the “Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act”; H.R. 3493, the “Securing the Cities Act of 2015”; H.R. 3510, the “Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Strategy Act of 2015”; and Committee Print of the “DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvements Act of 2015”. H.R. 3510 and H.R. 3493 were reported to

the full committee, without amendment. H.R. 3490 and the Committee Print of the “DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvements Act of 2015” were reported to the full committee, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a markup on H.R. 3350, the “Know the CBRN Terrorism Threats to Transportation Act”; H.R. 3361, the “Department of Homeland Security Insider Threat and Mitigation Act of 2015”; H.R. 3503, the “Department of Homeland Security Support to Fusion Centers Act of 2015”; H.R. 3505, the “Department of Homeland Security Clearance Management and Administration Act”; and Committee Print of the “Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015”. H.R. 3361 was reported to the full committee, as amended. H.R. 3350, H.R. 3505, H.R. 3503, and the Committee Print of the “Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015” were reported to the full committee, without amendment.

## SAFEGUARDING OUR NATION’S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AGAINST EVOLVING TERRORIST THREATS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security; and Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, held a joint hearing entitled “Safeguarding our Nation’s Surface Transportation Systems Against Evolving Terrorist Threats”. Testimony was heard from Eddie Mayenschein, Assistant Administrator, Office of Security Policy and Industry Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Grover, Director, Transportation Security and Coast Guard Issues, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1428, the “Judicial Redress Act of 2015”; H.R. 1755, to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans; and H.R. 3449, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified noncitizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities, and for other purposes. H.R. 1428, H.R. 1755, and H.R. 3449 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## EPA’S ANIMAS SPILL

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee; and the House Committee on Natural Resources, held a joint hearing entitled “EPA’s Animas Spill”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Ryan Flynn, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department; Larry Wolk, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; and public witnesses.

## FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE: OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Air Marshal Service: Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Roderick Allison, Director, Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration; and Heather Book, Assistant Administrator, Office of Professional Responsibility, Transportation Security Administration.

## FINANCING MAIN STREET: HOW DODD-FRANK IS CRIPPLING SMALL LENDERS AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Financing Main Street: How Dodd-Frank is Crippling Small Lenders and Access to Capital”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3106, the “Construction Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 3016, the “VA Provider Equity Act”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 1338, the “Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 1384, the “Honor America’s Guard-Reserve Retirees Act”; H.R. 2360, the “Career-Ready Student Veterans Act”; and H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”. H.R. 3106, H.R. 3016, H.R. 677, H.R. 1338, H.R. 2360, and H.R. 2915 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1384 was ordered reported, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2061, the “EACH Act”; H.R. 1270, the “Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2015”; H.R. 2940, the “Educator Tax Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 765, the “Restaurant and Retail Jobs and Growth Act”; H.R. 2510, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; H.R. 961, to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income; and H.R. 1430, the “Permanent CFC Look-Through Act of 2015”. H.R. 2061, H.R. 1270, H.R. 2940, H.R. 765, H.R. 2510, H.R. 961, and H.R. 1430 were ordered reported, as amended.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Improving the Medicaid Program for Beneficiaries”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Making DHS More Efficient: Industry Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “NEON Warning Signs: Examining the Management of the National Ecological Observatory Network”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing on the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Clandestine Service, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
2 p.m., Monday, September 21

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
9 a.m., Friday, September 18

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 36, Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 3134—Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3504—Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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