

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 83, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6795–S6820

Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced as follows: S.J. Res. 47. **Page S6817**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 47, to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 113–323) **Page S6817**

Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 131, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015. **Page S6801**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 336), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S6800–01**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 122, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 83. **Page S6814**

Amended Provisions for the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012: Senate passed H.R. 2591, to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. **Page S6819**

Russian Federation Sanctions: Senate passed H.R. 5859, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine. **Page S6819**

House Messages:

Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act: By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 354), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 83, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2015, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4100 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to change the enactment date.

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

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 352), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S6809–10**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4102, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6810**

Reid Amendment No. 4103 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4102), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4102, to change the enactment date fell. **Page S6810**

Reid Amendment No. 4104 (to Amendment No. 4103), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4103 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4102), of a perfecting nature fell. **Page S6810**

By 22 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 353), Senate determined that the point of order against Division L of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, as being

in violation of the separation of powers embodied in the vesting clause of article I, section 1, and article II, section 1, the enumerated powers of Congress, stated in article I, section 8, and the requirement that the President take care that the laws be faithfully executed as states in article II, section 3 of the United States Constitution, was not well-taken.

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Reid Amendment No. 4101 (to Amendment No. 4100), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4100, was withdrawn.

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Enrollment of H.R. 3979—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Levin be authorized to sign the enrollment of H.R. 3979, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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Saldana Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, December 15, 2014.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 327), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Colvin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 328), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 329), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was withdrawn.

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Murthy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 330), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 331), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Blinken Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 332), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 333), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Rose Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 334), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6800**

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 335), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6800**

Honorable Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S6801**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance). **Page S6801**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 337), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6801**

Santos Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. **Page S6802**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S6802**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 338), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6801**

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 339), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6802**

Lopez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation. **Page S6803**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. **Page S6803**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 340), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6802**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 341), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6802**

Jadotte Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S6803–04**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation. **Page S6803**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 342), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6803**

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 343), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6803**

Stivers Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S6804**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Page S6804**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 344), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S6803–04**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 345), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6804**

Cruden Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6805**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the

District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S6805**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 346), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6804**

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 347), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6805**

Smith Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy. **Pages S6805–06**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6806**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 348), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6805**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 349), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6805**

Bough Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen R. Bough, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Page S6806**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy. **Pages S6806–07**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 350), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6806**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 351), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6806**

Alonso Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jorge Luis Alonso, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S6807**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Sen-

ate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Stephen R. Bough, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Page S6807**

Gilliam Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S6807**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jorge Luis Alonso, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S6807**

Mehta Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Amit Priyavadan Mehta, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S6807**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S6807**

Burroughs Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Allison Dale Burroughs, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S6807–08**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Amit Priyavadan Mehta, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S6807–08**

Blakey Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Robert Blakey, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S6808**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Allison Dale Burroughs, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S6808**

Mazzant Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Amos L. Mazzant, III,

of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S6808**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John Robert Blakey, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S6808**

Pitman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert Lee Pitman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S6808**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Amos L. Mazzant, III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S6808**

Schroeder Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert William Schroeder III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S6808**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Lee Pitman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S6808**

Azrack Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joan Marie Azrack, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S6809**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert William Schroeder III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S6809**

Dillon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth K. Dillon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Page S6809**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Joan Marie Azrack, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S6809**

Biggs Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Loretta Copeland Biggs, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. **Page S6809**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth K. Dillon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Page S6809**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at approximately 10 a.m., on Monday, December 15, 2014, Senate will resume consideration of the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance), Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State; that at 4:30 p.m., there be one hour equally divided in the usual form on the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, and at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance), and that if cloture is invoked, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, following Leader remarks, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; provided further, at 2:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time on the nomination be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further, at 5 p.m., the time until 6 p.m., be

equally divided in the usual form, and at 6 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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Messages from the House: Page S6817

Additional Cosponsors: Page S6817

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: Page S6817

Record Votes: Twenty-eight record votes were taken today. (Total—354)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 11:42 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6819.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 125, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.