

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 71, Budget Resolution, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6593–S6701

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1984–1994, and S. Res. 294–300. **Page S6642**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 194, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies. (S. Rept. No. 115–176)

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Measures Passed:

Budget Resolution: By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 245), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 226), Capito Amendment No. 1393 (to Amendment No. 1116), to help provide tax relief to middle-class Americans by reducing deductibility, for Federal tax purposes, of federal deductions, such as the state and local tax deduction which disproportionately favors high-income individuals. **Pages S6602–03**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 229), Enzi (for Flake) Amendment No. 1178 (to Amendment No. 1116), to make the American tax system simpler and fairer. **Pages S6615–16, S6618**

Enzi (for Rubio/Lee) Amendment No. 1205 (to Amendment No. 1116), to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to tax cuts for working American families. **Pages S6615–16, S6619**

Enzi (for Portman) Amendment No. 1422 (to Amendment No. 1116), to provide for an international tax system that provides or enhances incentives for businesses to invest in America, generate

American jobs, retain American jobs, and return jobs to America. **Pages S6615–16, S6620**

Enzi (for Donnelly) Modified Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1116), to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to eliminating tax breaks for companies that ship jobs to foreign countries. **Pages S6615–16, S6620**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 239), Enzi (for Udall) Amendment No. 1553 (to Amendment No. 1116), to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the provision of full, permanent, and mandatory funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program. **Pages S6625–26**

Enzi (for Fisher/Collins) Amendment No. 1552 (to Amendment No. 1116), to provide tax relief to American workers, families, and job creators in a manner which maintains the progressivity of the tax system by maintaining or raising the share of taxes paid by high income taxpayers. **Pages S6625–26, S6628**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 244), Enzi Amendment No. 1561 (to Amendment No. 1116), to provide other enforcement provisions related to the House of Representatives. **Pages S6625–26, S6628–29**

Enzi (for Perdue/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 1167 (to Amendment No. 1116), to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to significantly improving the budget process. **Pages S6625–26, S6629**

Enzi Amendment No. 1116, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6593–S6629**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 225), Wyden Amendment No. 1302 (to Amendment No. 1116), to strike the reconciliation instructions relating to tax reform. **Pages S6594–S6602**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 228), Warner Amendment No. 1138 (to Amendment No. 1116), to strike the Senate pay-as-you-go exemption for tax cut reconciliation legislation and the exception to rules preventing any legislation from increasing the deficit over the short-term. **Pages S6611–12**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 230), Enzi (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 1139 (to Amendment No. 1116), to prohibit reconciliation legislation that would increase the deficit or reduce a surplus.

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By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 232), Brown Amendment No. 1378 (to Amendment No. 1116), to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing tax benefits to patriot employers that invest in American jobs and provide fair pay and benefits to workers.

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By 4 yeas to 94 nays (Vote No. 233), Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 1296 (to Amendment No. 1116), to modify reconciliation instructions to reduce the deficit.

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By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 235), Enzi (for Kaine) Amendment No. 1249 (to Amendment No. 1116), to modify section 4111 to reinstate and strengthen a prohibition on voting on legislation without a Congressional Budget Office score.

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By 5 yeas to 95 nays (Vote No. 236), Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 1298 (to Amendment No. 1116), to reduce discretionary spending by \$43,000,000,000.

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By 32 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 237), Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 1430 (to Amendment No. 1116), to expand the deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the repeal of provisions of title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 238), Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 1277 (to Amendment No. 1116), to provide for reconciliation instructions to the relevant committees for the purpose of repealing and replacing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 240), Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 1428 (to Amendment No. 1116), to modify a deficit neutral reserve fund relating to public land and the environment to address making payments under the payments in lieu of taxes program equivalent to the property tax revenue that would be due to a State or local government if the State or local government owned the land.

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By 7 yeas to 93 nays (Vote No. 241), Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 1404 (to Amendment No. 1116), to ensure that all Americans receive a tax cut, keeping more of their hard earned money, and enjoy the benefit of tax reform.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 242), Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 1429 (to Amendment No. 1116), to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting Federal regulation of entirely

intrastate species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

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By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 243), Enzi (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1301 (to Amendment No. 1116), to strike the reconciliation instructions for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate to prevent oil and gas development within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Cantwell/Van Hollen Amendment No. 1141 (to Amendment No. 1116), to create a point of order against legislation that would raise taxes on middle class families by double-taxing income already taxed at the state or local level. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 231), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Enzi (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 1228 (to Amendment No. 1116), to create a point of order against legislation that would increase taxes on taxpayers whose annual income is below \$250,000. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 234), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Enzi (for Cardin/Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1116), to create a point of order against legislation that includes deficit-financed tax cuts. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, supporting the designation of September 2017 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”. **Page S6700**

National Day on Writing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, expressing support for the designation of

October 20, 2017, as the “National Day on Writing”. **Page S6700**

McDaniel College 150th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, recognizing the 150th anniversary of McDaniel College. **Page S6700**

House Messages:

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6630**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6630**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568, to change the enactment date. **Page S6630**

McConnell Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1568), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6630**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1570, to change the enactment date. **Page S6630**

McConnell Amendment No. 1571 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1570), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6630**

McConnell Amendment No. 1572 (to Amendment No. 1571), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6630**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 19, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 23, 2017. **Page S6630**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, October 23, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the pending cloture motion ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Pages S6700–01**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S6638–39**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6657–S6700**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6700**

Record Votes: Twenty-one record votes were taken today. (Total—245) **Pages S6602–04, S6612, S6618–29**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6700.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gregory Ibach, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and William Northey, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, both of the Department of Agriculture.

DEFENDING THE NATION FROM CYBER ATTACK

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the roles and responsibilities for defending the Nation from cyber attack, after receiving testimony from Rob Joyce, White House Cybersecurity Coordinator, National Security Council; Kenneth P. Rapuano, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security; Scott Smith, Assistant Director for the Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Christopher C. Krebs, performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for the National Protection and Programs Directorate.

FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing the Food for Peace program, including increased food aid shipping costs due to cargo preference, after receiving testimony from Matthew Nims, Acting Director, Office of Food for Peace, United States Agency for International Development; Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Christopher B. Barrett, Cornell University SC Johnson College of Business, Ithaca, New York; and Bill O’Keefe, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland.