

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1133–S1186*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2042–2049, and S. Res. 362–363. **Pages S1174–75**

**Measures Passed:**

*Black History Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S1185–86**

**Measures Considered:**

**Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 1982, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Page S1168**

**Pending:**

Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1168**

Reid Amendment No. 2766 (to Amendment No. 2747), to change the enactment date. **Page S1168**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014. **Page S1168**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2767, to change the enactment date. **Page S1168**

Reid Amendment No. 2768 (to (the instructions of the motion to commit) Amendment No. 2767), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1168**

Reid Amendment No. 2769 (to Amendment No. 2768), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1168**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, 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 Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747. **Page S1168**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, during the Senate's consideration of the bill, but no later than 2 p.m., Senator Sessions, or designee, be recognized to raise a budget point of order against the bill; that if such a point of order is raised, it be in order for Senator Murray, or designee, to move to waive; that if a motion to waive is made, the vote on the motion to waive occur at 2 p.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2014; that if the motion to waive is successful, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747 (listed above); that if cloture is invoked on the amendment, all post-cloture time be yielded back, Reid Amendment No. 2766 (listed above) be withdrawn, and Senate vote on Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747; that upon disposition of Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, as amended, if amended; that if cloture is invoked on the bill, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that if the motion to waive is not successful, then the cloture motions be withdrawn; and that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2014, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2747, and to the bill be 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2014. **Page S1169**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2014, with the time until 2 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senator Sessions controlling 30 minutes of the Republican time, and Senator Graham, or his designee, recognized at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1186**

**Child Care and Development Block Grant Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. **Page S1169**

**Military Sexual Assault Bills—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. 1752, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice; that if a cloture motion is filed on the bill, there be two hours of debate on S. 1752, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and S. 1917, to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; that no amendments, points of order or motions be in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage; that if the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1752 is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar; that upon the conclusion of the consideration of S. 1752, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 1917, to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; that if a cloture motion is filed on the bill, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back and Senate vote on passage of the bill; that no amendments, points of order, or motions be in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage; that if the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1917 is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

50 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S1172**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1186.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **RISING COST OF ALZHEIMER'S IN AMERICA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the rising cost of Alzheimer's in America, focusing on families and the economy, after receiving testimony from former Representative Dennis Moore, Lenexa, Kansas; Francis S. Collins, Director, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, and Story C. Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael D. Hurd, The RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; and Seth Rogen, Los Angeles, California.

### **MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULT, POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, AND SUICIDE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the relationships between military sexual assault, posttraumatic stress disorder and suicide, and on Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs medical treatment and management of victims of sexual trauma, after receiving testimony from Karen S. Guice, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Jacqueline Garrick, Director, Suicide Prevention Office, Nathan W. Galbreath, Senior Executive Advisor, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Lance Corporal Jeremiah J. Arbogast, USMC (Ret.), and Jessica Kenyon, former Private First Class, USA, all of the Department of Defense; and Susan J. McCutcheon, National Mental Health Director, Family Services, Women's Mental Health and Military Sexual Trauma, and Margret E. Bell, Director for Education and Training, National Military Sexual Trauma Support Team, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.