

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2048–S2134*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2200–2202, and S. Res. 409. **Page S2095**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis. **Page S2095**

#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating the Penn State University Wrestling Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 409, congratulating the Penn State University wrestling team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championships. **Page S2134**

#### Measures Considered:

**Minimum Wage Fairness Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1737, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S2043–44**

**Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2045**

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

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 96), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 (listed above). **Page S2047**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879 fell. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879) fell. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), of a perfecting nature, fell as it was not in order to be offered and its pendency is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree, and kind. **Page S2045**

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate failed to table Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877) (listed above). **Page S2081**

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate tabled the appeal of the ruling of the Chair that Vitter Amendment No. 2931 is not in order to be offered and its pendency is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree, and kind. **Page S2081**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2014,

and that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Pages S2081–82, S2134

Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Pages S2081–82, S2134

Deborah L. Bix, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—98) Pages S2047, S2081

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2134.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the Air Force, General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Director of the Air National Guard,

and Lieutenant General James F. Jackson, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Harold Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, Gary H. Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Story Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Christopher P. Austin, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY'S OFFICE OF TERRORISM AND FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ITS ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SANCTIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence and its administration and enforcement of sanctions, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

### APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Lowell Pimley,