

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S159–S219*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 149–179, and S. Res. 26. **Pages S200–01**

#### Measures Passed:

**Providing for a Joint Session of Congress:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 7, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S217**

#### Measures Considered:

**Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S162–74, S174–84, S184–97**

##### Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S184–86**

Markey/Baldwin Amendment No. 13 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil. **Page S186**

Portman/Shahen Amendment No. 3 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote energy efficiency. **Pages S186–89**

Cantwell (for Franken) Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the use of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States in the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline and facilities. **Pages S189–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that consideration of these pending amendments and the bill be for debate only during this week's consideration of the bill. **Page S184**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 16, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S217**

**Transnational Drug Trafficking Act—Bill Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 32, to provide the Department of

Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, be discharged from the Committee on Finance and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S217**

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

Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019.

Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps. **Pages S218–19**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S200**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S200**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Page S200**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S201–02**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S199–S200**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S210–17**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S217**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S217**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S218.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 53 public bills, H.R. 287–339; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 29–30, were introduced. **Pages H356–58**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H360**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H227**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H232**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 160 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 22. **Pages H232, H248–49**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 29, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H232–33**

**Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 185, to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, by a recorded vote of 250 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 28. **Pages H249–72**

Rejected the Rice (NY) 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 recorded vote of 180 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 27. **Pages H270–71**

Agreed to:

McKinley amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), ensures that the Agencies, when developing regulations, take into consideration and account for low-income populations. Furthermore, the Amendment provides that no particular class or race is excluded when it comes to looking at costs and benefits of the regulation (by a recorded vote of 254 yeas to 168 noes, Roll No. 23). **Pages H260–62, H267–68**

Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), exempts from H.R. 185 all rules or guidance that the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 24); **Pages H262–63, H268**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), exempts all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 25); and **Pages H263–66, H268–69**

Connolly amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–2), exempts any rule or guidance pertaining to public health or safety (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 26). **Pages H266–67, H269–70**

H. Res. 27, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 37), (H.R. 185), and (H.R. 240), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 21, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 20. **Pages H237–48**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 30, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H272**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015:** The House considered H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H272–H330, H331–41**

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**Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act:** The House considered H.R. 37, to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank