

Wyden Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 2), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum. **Pages S335–36**

Lee Amendment No. 71 (to Amendment No. 2), to require a procedure for issuing permits to drill. **Pages S336–38**

Murkowski (for Blunt/Inhofe) Amendment No. 78 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the President entering into bilateral or other international agreements regarding greenhouse gas emissions without proper study of any adverse economic effects, including job losses and harm to the industrial sector, and without the approval of the Senate. **Page S338**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 22, 2015. **Page S365**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on January 23, 1995, with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–2) **Page S344**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S344–47**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S353–64**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S365**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—12) **Pages S328–31**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S365.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine global challenges and United States national security strategy, after receiving testi-

mony from Brent Scowcroft, The Scowcroft Group, and Zbigniew K. Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both a former U.S. National Security Advisor, both of Washington, DC.

### PROTECTING THE INTERNET AND CONSUMERS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the Internet and consumers through Congressional action, after receiving testimony from Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Robert M. McDowell, Wiley Rein LLP, Paul Misener, Amazon.com, and Nicol E. Turner-Lee, Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council, all of Washington, DC; and W. Tom Simmons, Midcontinent Communications, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 31) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

### IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran nuclear negotiations, focusing on the status of talks and the role of Congress, after receiving testimony from Antony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State; and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on testing and accountability, after receiving testimony from Paul Leather, New Hampshire Department of Education Deputy Commissioner of Education, Concord; Martin R. West, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Tom Boasberg, Denver Public Schools, Denver, Colorado; Jia Lee, The Earth School, and Stephen Lazar, Harvest Collegiate High School, both of New York, New York; and Wade Henderson, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Washington, DC.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Daniel

Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, and Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who were all introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senator Lee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress; and

H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 7, 20, 423–461; 1 private bill, H.R. 462; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 23–25; H. Con. Res. 8; and H. Res. 39–41, 43 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 42, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (H. Rept. 114–4).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Most Reverend Richard Pates Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 39, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act:** The House passed H.R. 161, to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects, by a yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 41.

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Rejected the Pallone motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with

instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 40.

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H. Res. 38, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 161) and (H.R. 36), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 39, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 38.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 40, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 22.

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**Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics, pursuant to section 4(d) of H. Res. 5, 114th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015: Nominated by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Minority Leader: Mr. Porter J. Goss of Florida, Chairman; Mr. James M. Eagen III of Colorado; Ms. Allison R. Hayward of Virginia; and Ms. Judy Biggert of Illinois, Alternate. Nominated by the Minority Leader with the concurrence of the Speaker: Mr. David Skaggs of Colorado, Co-Chairman; Brigadier General (retired) Belinda Pinckney of Virginia; Ms. Karan English of Arizona; and Mr. Mike Barnes of Maryland, Alternate.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

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