

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S549–S609

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 273–298, and S. Res. 43–52. **Pages S589–90**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 35, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 44, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 45, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 47, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 48, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. Res. 49, authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. **Pages S588–89**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating The Ohio State University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 50, congratulating The Ohio State University football team for winning the 2015 College Football Playoff national championship. **Page S609**

Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 51, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Page S609**

Measures Considered:

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, after agreeing to Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute, as amended, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Collins/Warner Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 2), to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S556, S571**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute. (Amendment, as amended and agreed to, will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Page S555**

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 31), Cardin Amendment No. 75 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide communities that rely on drinking water from a source that may be affected by a tar sands spill from the Keystone XL pipeline an analysis of the potential risks to public health and the environment from a leak or rupture of the pipeline. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S555–56, S567**

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (vote No. 32), Peters/Stabenow Amendment No. 70 (to Amendment No. 2), to require that the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration make a certification and submit to Congress the results of a study before the pipeline may be constructed, connected, operated, or maintained. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S556, S567–68**

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 33), Sanders Amendment No. 23 (to Amendment No. 2), to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 photovoltaic systems by 2025. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S556, S568**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 34), Cruz Amendment No. 15 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote economic growth and job creation by increasing exports. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 35), Moran/Cruz Amendment No. 73 (to Amendment No. 2), to delist the lesser prairie-chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 36), Whitehouse Amendment No. 148 (to Amendment No. 2), to require campaign finance disclosures for certain persons benefitting from tar sands development. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 37), Daines Amendment No. 132 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding the designation of National Monuments. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 38), Coons Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding climate change and infrastructure. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 39), Murkowski Amendment No. 166 (to Amendment No. 2), to release certain wilderness study areas from management for preservation as wilderness. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 40), Heitkamp Amendment No. 133 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 should be amended to extend the credit with respect to facilities producing energy from certain renewable resources. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 35 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 41), Cantwell (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 48 (to Amendment No. 2), to modify the definition of underground injection. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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Withdrawn:

Merkley Amendment No. 125 (to Amendment No. 2), to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and provide infrastructure funding.

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Carper Amendment No. 120 (to Amendment No. 2), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credits for new qualified fuel cell motor vehicles and alternative fuel vehicle refueling property.

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Pending:

Vitter/Cassidy Further Modified Amendment No. 80, to provide for the distribution of revenues from certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf.

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Murkowski (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 2), to restrict the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to arm agency personnel.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress relating to adaptation projects in the United States Arctic region and rural communities.

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Flake Amendment No. 103 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs.

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Boxer Amendment No. 130 (to Amendment No. 2), to preserve existing permits and the authority of the agencies issuing the permits to modify the permits if necessary.

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Merkley Amendment No. 174 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress that the United States should prioritize and fund adaptation projects in communities in the United States while also helping to fund climate change adaptation in developing countries.

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Cantwell/Boxer Amendment No. 131 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that if the Keystone XL Pipeline is built, it will be built safely and in compliance with United States environmental laws.

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Tillis/Burr Amendment No. 102 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide for leasing on the outer Continental Shelf and the distribution of certain qualified revenues from such leasing.

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Markey Amendment No. 178 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that products derived from tar sands are treated as crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum.

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Markey Amendment No. 141 (to Amendment No. 2), to delay the effective date until the President determines that the pipeline will not have certain negative impacts. **Page S556**

Booker Amendment No. 155 (to Amendment No. 2), to allow permitting agencies to consider new circumstances and new information. **Page S556**

Burr Modified Amendment No. 92 (to Amendment No. 2), to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. **Pages S556, S566–67**

Cardin Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 2), to clarify that treaties with Indian tribes remain in effect. **Page S556**

Cantwell (for Peters/Stabenow) Amendment No. 55 (to Amendment No. 2), to require a study of the potential environmental impact of by-products of the Keystone XL pipeline. **Pages S556–58**

Murkowski (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 245 (to Amendment No. 2), to clarify that treaties with Indian tribes remain in effect. **Page S556**

Daines Amendment No. 246 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress that reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund should be a priority. **Page S556**

Udall Amendment No. 77, to establish a renewable electricity standard. **Page S575**

Subsequently, the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute, on Monday, January 26, 2015, was rendered moot. **Page S573**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2015, Senate will continue consideration of the bill, and that there be 15 minutes equally divided in the usual form, and Senate vote on or in relation to the following amendments, in the order listed: Murkowski (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 245 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Cardin Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Daines Amendment No. 246 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Burr Modified Amendment No. 92 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Vitter/Cassidy Further Modified Amendment No. 80 (listed above), and Udall Amendment No. 77 (listed above); that all amendments on this list be subject to a 60 vote affirmative threshold for adoption, and that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of the pending amendments to the bill; that there be two minutes of debate equally divided between each vote, and that all votes after the first in the series be 10 minute votes; and that once these amendments have been disposed of, Senate agree to proceed to the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote on the bill; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to, and Senate vote on the motion

to invoke cloture on the bill, upon reconsideration; if cloture is invoked on the bill as amended, all post-cloture time be considered and expired at 2:30 p.m. **Pages S573–74**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2015. **Page S609**

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S549, S587**

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—41) **Pages S589–573**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 48) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management and Trade: Senators Boozman (Chair), Cochran, Hoeven, Perdue, Grassley, Thune, Donnelly, Heitkamp, Brown, Gillibrand, and Bennet.

Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy: Senators Ernst (Chair), Cochran, Hoeven, Perdue, Tillis, Thune, Heitkamp, Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, and Donnelly.