

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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**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.

*Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources:* Senators Perdue (Chair), Cochran, McConnell, Boozman, Sasse, Grassley, Bennet, Klobuchar, Leahy, Heitkamp, and Casey.

*Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops and Agricultural Research:* Senators Hoeven (Chair), McConnell, Boozman, Ernst, Tillis, Sasse, Casey, Leahy, Brown, Gillibrand, and Bennet.

*Subcommittee on Livestock, Marketing and Agriculture Security:* Senators Sasse (Chair), McConnell, Ernst, Tillis, Thune, Grassley, Gillibrand, Leahy, Klobuchar, Donnelly, and Casey.

*Senators Roberts and Stabenow are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.*

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 41 nominations in the Air Force and Marine Corps.

## BUDGET CONTROL ACT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the “Budget Control Act of 2011” and sequestration on national security, after receiving testimony from General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and General Joseph Dunford, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

## CBO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office’s budget and economic outlook for fiscal years 2015–2025, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

## FREIGHT RAIL TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine freight rail transportation, focusing on enhancing safety, efficiency, and commerce, after receiving testimony from Michelle Teel, Missouri Department of Transportation Multimodal Operations Director, Jefferson City; Frank Longro, CSX Transportation, Inc., on behalf of the Association of American Railroads, and David A. Brown, Genesee and Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc., both of Jacksonville, Florida; Bill Johnson, Miami-Dade County, Miami, Florida; and Chris Jahn, The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, DC.

## MAP–21 REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine MAP–21 reauthorization, focusing on Federal and state perspectives, after receiving testimony from Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; Alabama Governor Robert Bentley, Montgomery, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin, Montpelier; and Darin Bergquist, South Dakota Secretary of Transportation, Pierre.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 47) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

## PROTECTING AMERICA FROM CYBER ATTACKS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting America from cyber attacks, focusing on the importance of information sharing, after receiving testimony from Marc D. Gordon, American Express, and Peter J. Beshar, Marsh and McLennan Companies, both of New York, New York; Scott Charney, Microsoft Corporation, and Gregory T. Nojeim, The Center for Democracy and Technology, both of Washington, DC; and Richard Bejtlich, FireEye, Reston, Virginia.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Allison Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965;

An original bill entitled, “Strengthening Education Through Research Act”; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 44) authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Children and Families:* Senators Paul (Chair), Murkowski, Burr, Kirk, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Casey, Mikulski, Sanders, Franken, and Bennet.

*Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety:* Senators Isakson (Chair), Paul, Scott, Kirk, Roberts, Cassidy, Franken, Casey, Whitehouse, and Baldwin.

*Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security:* Senators Enzi (Chair), Burr, Collins, Kirk, Scott, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Murkowski, Sanders, Mikulski, Bennet, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, and Warren.

*Senators Alexander and Murray are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

#### INDIAN COUNTRY PRIORITIES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian country priorities for the 114th Congress, after receiving testimony from Aaron Payment, National Congress of American Indians, Melvin Monette, National Indian Education Association, and Stacy Bohlen, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, DC; Gary Davis, National Center for American Indian Enter-

prise Development, Mesa, Arizona; and Vance Home Gun, Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth, Arlee, Montana.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 49) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee began hearings to examine the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again at 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 45) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 46) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 578–621; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 11; and H. Res. 59–64 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

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

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**LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act:** The House passed H.R. 351, to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 50.

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Rejected the Garamendi 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 175 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 49.

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H. Res. 48, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 351), was agreed to on January 27.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 30th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet