

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1187–S1206.

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 607–616, and S. Res. 92. **Pages S1201–02**

Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate passed H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1188–1192**

Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 61), McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 255, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1191–92**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 256 (to Amendment No. 255), to change the enactment date. **Page S1191**

McConnell Amendment No. 257 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 255), to change the enactment date. **Page S1191**

McConnell Amendment No. 258 (to Amendment No. 257), of a perfecting nature. (By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 60), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S1191**

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

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S1190**

McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 259, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the bill. **Page S1190**

McConnell Amendment No. 260 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 259), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 259 fell. **Page S1190**

McConnell Amendment No. 261 (to Amendment No. 260), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 260 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 259) fell. **Page S1190**

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: Senate passed H.R. 33, 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, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1206**

McConnell Amendment No. 268, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1206**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, designating February 28, 2015, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Page S1206**

Measures Considered:

Immigration Rule of Law Act: By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 63), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration. **Page S1192**

Subsequently, Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1192**

House Messages:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of the House-

Message to accompany H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House of Representatives for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. Page S1206

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, hereby notifies the Senate of an amendment to the Minority membership appointments made in the Senate on February 12, 2015, to the Senate National Security Working Group for the 114th Congress: Senator Reed. Page S1206

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and the junior Senator from West Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. Page S1206

Messages from the House:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S1202–04

Additional Statements: Page S1199

Amendments Submitted: Pages S1204–05

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—63) Pages S1190–92

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1206.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 881 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Committee on the Budget: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 1147–1187, were introduced.

Pages H1498–H1500

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1501–02

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 186 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 103.

Pages H1375, H1484–85

Director of the Congressional Budget Office—Appointment: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Dr. Homer Keith Hall as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2019. Page H1375

Recess: The House recessed at 9:19 a.m. and reconvened at 9:25 a.m. Page H1377

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 35, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 104. Pages H1492–94

A point of order was sustained against the Roybal-Allard motion to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. Pages H1492–94

H. Res. 129, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 35) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 102, after the previous question was ordered. Pages H1377–H1484

Student Success Act: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, and inform parents of the performance of their children's schools. Further proceedings were postponed. Pages H1393–H1483