

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1207–S1221.

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 617–622, and S. Res. 93. **Page S1217**

Measures Reported:

S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, with an amendment.

S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1217**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 431, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1220**

Veto Messages:

Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act Veto Message—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the veto message to accompany S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. **Page S1215**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the veto message to accompany the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. **Page S1215**

House Messages:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate resumed 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: **Pages S1208–15**

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 S1208**

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

By 47 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 64), 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 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 S1214**

By 58 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 65), Senate tabled the House Message to accompany the bill. **Page S1214–15**

Appointments:

Election Assistance Board of Advisors: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–252, Title II, Section 214, reappointed the following individual to the Election Assistance Board of Advisors: Dr. Barbara Simons of California. **Page S1220**

Messages from the House: **Pages S1216–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1217–18**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1218–20**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—65) **Pages S1214–15**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1221.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1188–1207; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 132, 133, 135, and 136, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 280, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–32, Part 1);

H.R. 1029, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–33);

H.R. 1030, to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (H. Rept. 114–34);

H.R. 294, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–35); and

H. Res. 134, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 749) to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–36).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act: H.R. 294, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 107; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Departmental medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.”

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Authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 280, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 3.

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President’s Export Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the President’s Export Council: Representatives Kildee and DelBene.

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Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Thompson (CA).

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:53 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.