

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S.J. Res. 8, National Labor Relations Board.

Senate upon reconsideration rejected S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act, the veto of the President was sustained.

See Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills) for the Second Session of the 113th Congress.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1263–S1319*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 648–674, S. Res. 96–98, and S. Con. Res. 8–9. **Pages S1302–03**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Labor Relations Board:** By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate passed S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures. **Pages S1264–74**

**Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 98, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Page S1311**

#### Measures Considered:

**Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 625, to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program. **Page S1295**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, March 4, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. **Page S1295**

#### Veto Messages:

**Veto—Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act:** By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 68), two-thirds of the Senators voting not having voted in the affirmative,

S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, upon reconsideration, was rejected, the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S1274–85**

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

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the veto message to accompany S. 1, be withdrawn. **Page S1274**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–10) **Page S1300**

**Marti, Lee, Hall, and Tonsager Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the

nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Foreign Service.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Gilberto de Jesus, of Maryland, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2015.

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**Messages from the House:** Page S1300

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** Pages S1263, S1300

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—68) Pages S1274, S1284–85

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1311.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Sally Jewell, Secretary, and Mike Connor, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, William C. Ostendorff, and Jeff Baran, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall III, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Michael S. Elliott, Deputy Director for Strategic Stability, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General