# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 11, Budget Resolution, as amended.**

**Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, Adjournment Resolution.**

# Senate

## Chamber Action

***Routine Proceedings, pages S1959–S2091.***

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and seventeen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 868–895, and S. Res. 116–132. **Pages S2040–41**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020.

S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received. **Page S2040**

**Measures Passed:**

***Budget Resolution:*** By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 135), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1960–S2022**

Adopted:

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 98), Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 798, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation to allow Americans to earn paid sick time. **Pages S1960, S1986**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 99), Moran Amendment No. 356, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing health care to veterans who reside more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides the care sought by the veteran. **Pages S1960, S1987**

Collins Amendment No. 810, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing access to higher education for low-income Americans through the Federal Pell Grant program. **Pages S1969–70, S1987–88**

Wyden (for Murray) Amendment No. 1026, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to transparency health premium billing. **Page S1988**

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 102), Scott Amendment No. 692, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to transparency in health premium billing. **Page S1989**

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 103), Blunt/Thune Amendment No. 928, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect the United States from an energy tax. **Pages S1989–90**

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 105), Vitter Amendment No. 515, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to requiring the Federal Government to allow states to opt out of Common Core without penalty. **Pages S1990–91**

Bennet Amendment No. 947, to ensure that small businesses are provided relief as part of tax reform by permanently increasing the maximum amount of the section 179 small business expensing allowance to $1,000,000 and the investment limitation to $2,500,000 and indexing them both for inflation. **Page S1991**

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 106), Murkowski/Sullivan Amendment No. 838, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the disposal of certain Federal land. **Pages S1991–92**

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 108), Inhofe/Moran Modified Amendment No. 649, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting funding of international organizations during the implementation of the United Nations Arms

Trade Treaty prior to Senate ratification and adoption of implementing legislation. **Page S1993**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 109), Enzi (for Kirk) Modified Amendment No. 545, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to reimposing waived sanctions and imposing new sanctions against Iran for violations of the Joint Plan of Action or a comprehensive nuclear agreement.

**Pages S1993–94**

Isakson/Menendez Amendment No. 839, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting United States citizens held hostage in the United States embassy in Tehran, Iran, between November 3, 1979, and January 20, 1981.

**Pages S1978, S1998–99**

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 112), Portman Amendment No. 689, to improve the dynamic scoring provision. **Pages S1963–64, S1999–S2000**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 113), Casey Amendment No. 632, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. **Page S2000**

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 114), Murkowski (for Thune) Amendment No. 607, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to allow for the permanent elimination of the Federal estate tax.

**Pages S2000–01**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 115), Enzi (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1014, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to responding to the economic and national security threats posed by human-induced climate change, as highlighted by the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S2001**

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 116), Enzi (for McConnell/Paul) Amendment No. 836, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency of greenhouse gas emissions, which may include a prohibition on withholding highway funds from States that refuse to submit State Implementation Plans required under the Clean Power Plan of the Agency.

**Pages S1995, S2001–02**

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 118), Gardner Amendment No. 443, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting privately held water rights and permits. **Pages S2002–03**

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 120), Flake/Vitter Amendment No. 665, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting awarding of construction contracts based on awardees entering or not entering into agreements with labor organizations. **Pages S1976, S2003–04**

Enzi (for Sanders) Amendment No. 475, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to strengthening the United States Postal Service by establishing a moratorium to protect mail processing plants, reinstating overnight delivery standards, and protecting rural service. **Pages S1995–96, S2004**

Enzi (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1029, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent American jobs from being moved overseas by reducing the corporate income tax rate. **Pages S1996, S2005**

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 121), Enzi (for Schatz) Modified Amendment No. 1063, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring all legally married same-sex spouses have equal access to the Social Security and veterans benefits they have earned and receive equal treatment under the law pursuant to the Constitution of the United States.

**Pages S1996, S2005–06**

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 122), Enzi (for Kirk) Amendment No. 1038, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to increase wages for American workers. **Pages S1996, S2006**

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 124), McCain/Flake Modified Amendment No. 360, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to deterring the migration of unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. **Page S2007**

By 73 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 125), Enzi (for Wyden) Amendment No. 968, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to enacting middle class tax relief, including extending and expanding refundable tax credits, such as tax provisions and policies included in legislation like the Working Families Tax Relief Act, American Opportunity Tax Credit Permanence and Consolidation Act, Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act, or the 21st Century Worker Tax Cut Act, among other legislation. **Pages S1996, S2007–08**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 126), Enzi (for Lee) Modified Amendment No. 750, to modify the spending-neutral reserve fund reauthorizing funding for payments to counties and other units of local government to include the option of payment at levels roughly equivalent to property tax revenues lost due to the presence of Federal land.

**Pages S1979, S1995, S2008**

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 128), Enzi (for Cotton) Amendment No. 659, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting the designation of critical habitat. **Pages S1996, S2009–10**

Sanders (for Menendez) Amendment No. 993, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to strengthening the national do-not-call registry.

**Pages S1976, S2010**

Enzi (for Brown/Vitter) Amendment No. 994, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to end "too

big to fail'' bailouts for Wall Street mega-banks (over $500 billion in total assets).

**Pages S1996–97, S2011**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 130), Vitter Amendment No. 811, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ending Washington's illegal exemption from Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S1960, S2011–12**

54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 132), Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 855, to prohibit increasing the public debt limit under reconciliation.

**Pages S1979, S2012–13**

Rubio Amendment No. 552, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing funding for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

**Pages S1972–73, S2013–14**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 134), Sanders (for Kaine) Modified Amendment No. 1047, to provide for sequestration replacement. **Pages S1998, S2014**

Enzi (for McConnell) Amendment No. 950, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting the return of children who have been legally adopted from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and are only a plane ride away from becoming United States citizens to their American citizen parents residing in the United States. **Pages S2014–15**

Enzi (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 647, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the development of a new nuclear-capable cruise missile by the Department of Defense and the National Nuclear Security Administration. **Pages S2014–15**

Gardner (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 485, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide equity in the tax treatment of public safety officer death benefits. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 780, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to eliminating the backlog of sexual assault evidence kits.

**Pages S2014–15**

Enzi (for Graham) Amendment No. 765, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to meeting the obligations outlined in the Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement. **Pages S2014–15**

Enzi (for Boozman) Amendment No. 348, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to installing watchdogs at Federal agencies with extended Inspector General vacancies and strengthening and reforming Offices of Inspectors General to ensure that such Offices are appropriately prioritizing the investigation of waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct within Federal agencies. **Pages S2014–15**

Collins Amendment No. 425, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving retirement security. **Pages S1969, S2014**

Enzi (for Alexander/Coons) Amendment No. 624, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

**Pages S2014–15**

Enzi (for Thune) Amendment No. 422, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that the conservation of northern long-eared bat populations and local economic development are compatible. **Pages S2014–15**

Coats/Warner Amendment No. 595, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve cybersecurity.

**Pages S1960, S2014**

Enzi (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 651, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to allow the Drug Enforcement Administration and Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter into joint task forces with tribal and local law enforcement agencies.

**Pages S2014–15**

Enzi (for Coats) Amendment No. 604, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to encouraging cost savings in office space used by Federal agencies.

**Pages S2014–16**

Enzi (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 885, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing technical assistance to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs through small business development centers. **Pages S2014, S2016**

Collins Amendment No. 346, to modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting jobs in the United States through international trade to include the reauthorization or extension of trade adjustment assistance programs. **Pages S1969, S2014**

Heller Amendment No. 456, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs meet the privacy, dignity, and safety needs of women veterans. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Enzi (for Johnson) Amendment No. 597, to convey clear information to Congress and the public about projected Federal outlays, revenues, and surpluses, and deficits. **Pages S1981, S2014**

Gardner/Menendez Amendment No. 449, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting efficient resourcing for the Asia rebalance policy. **Pages S1971, S2014**

Enzi (for Hatch) Amendment No. 534, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preventing access to marijuana edibles by children in States that have decriminalized marijuana.

**Pages S2014, S2016**

Enzi (for Rounds) Amendment No. 339, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing mortgage lending to rural areas.

**Pages S2014, S2016**

Enzi (for Rounds) Amendment No. 693, to modify section 431 relating to oversight of Government performance. **Pages S2014, S2016**

Murkowski Amendment No. 770, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the construction of Arctic polar icebreakers. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Enzi (for Moran/Blumenthal) Amendment No. 830, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to researching health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces. **Pages S2014, S2016**

Enzi (for Risch/Cardin) Amendment No. 538, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing the Family Funds limit of the Small Business Investment Company Program from $225,000,000 to $350,000,000, as passed by the Committee in 2013, which is zero subsidy and funded entirely through fees paid by investors and businesses. **Pages S2014, S2016**

Enzi (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 380, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to assist the States in carrying out drought prevention plans. **Pages S2014, S2016**

Capito Modified Amendment No. 416, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting the reliability of the electricity grid. **Pages S1964, S2014**

Enzi (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 1027, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to preserve and protect the open Internet in a manner that provides clear and certain rules and does not jeopardize public safety, universal service, privacy, accessibility, consumer protection, competition, innovation, or investment. **Pages S2014, S2016**

Enzi (for Hatch) Amendment No. 827, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to reforming the Federal regulatory process by enabling retrospective review of existing regulations, improving the process by which new regulations are created, ensuring fair and effective judicial review, and securing an effective role for Congress in the Federal regulatory process through legislation and oversight. **Page S1997**

Enzi (for lnhofe) Modified Amendment No. 374, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing coverage of virtual colonoscopies as a colorectal cancer screening test under the Medicare program. **Pages S2014, S2016–17**

Enzi (for Fischer/Boxer) Amendment No. 931, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to strengthen waterborne commerce in our ports and harbors, which may include increasing the percentage of the amounts expended from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund that are dedicated to port infrastructure and maintenance. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Fischer) Amendment No. 404, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the modernization of the nuclear command, control, and communications architecture of the United States. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 458, to protect the American people and strengthen our national security by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the BioShield Special Reserve Fund. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 648, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving the nuclear forces and missions of the Air Force. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Collins/Casey Amendment No. 426, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting economic growth and job creation for small businesses. **Pages S1969, S2014**

Collins Amendment No. 442, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to restore a sensible definition of full-time employee for purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S1969, S2014**

Enzi (for Lankford/Heitkamp) Amendment No. 625, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Federal regulatory process. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Wicker) Amendment No. 620, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to expedite awards under the Internal Revenue Service whistleblower program. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 1039, to provide to the Indian Health Service an additional $25,000,000 for contract support costs and to provide to the Bureau of Indian Affairs an additional $26,000,000 for contract support costs. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Gardner) Amendment No. 482, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to encouraging the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities. **Pages S2014, S2017**

Enzi (for Johnson/Baldwin) Amendment No. 402, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving information sharing by the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to investigations relating to substandard health care, delayed and denied health care, patient deaths, other findings that directly relate to patient care, and other management issues of the Department. **Pages S1980–81, S2014**

Gardner (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 490, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address the disproportionate regulatory burdens on community banks and credit unions. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Enzi (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 491, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect the Corporation for National and Community Service.

**Pages S2014, S2017–18**

Enzi (for Flake) Amendment No. 822, to eliminate Federal duplication and consolidate the 94 Federal green building programs spread across 11 different Federal agencies. **Pages S2014, S2018**

Enzi (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 533, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that Department of Justice attorneys comply with disclosure obligations in criminal prosecutions. **Pages S1997, S2014**

Enzi (for Moran) Amendment No. 1099, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support investments in precision medicine, biomedical research, and the National Institutes of Health.

**Pages S2014, S2018**

Enzi (for Capito) Modified Amendment No. 420, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to efforts to combat the increase abuse of heroin and methamphetamines in the United States.

**Pages S2014, S2018**

Enzi (for Vitter) Amendment No. 1028, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing access to necessary equipment for Medicare beneficiaries. **Pages S2014, S2018**

Heller Amendment No. 453, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that the Secretary of Transportation prioritizes the construction of projects that are of national and regional significance and projects in high priority corridors on the National Highway System, which will improve the safe, secure, and efficient movement of people and goods through the United States and facilitate economic development and create jobs in the United States. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Enzi (for Lee) Modified Amendment No. 752, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to encouraging the United States' NATO allies to reverse declines in defense spending and bear a more proportionate burden for ensuring the security of NATO.

**Pages S2014, S2018**

Enzi (for Lee) Modified Amendment No. 1073, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the investigation and recovery of missing weapons and military equipment provided to the Government of Yemen by the United States Government.

**Pages S2014, S2018**

Enzi (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1110, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving higher education data and transparency.

**Pages S2014, S2018**

Sanders Amendment No. 983, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting programs that keep low-income older individuals healthy and able to live at home, such as those programs funded through the Older Americans Act of 1965. **Pages S2014, S2018**

Sanders (for Heitkamp/Hirono) Amendment No. 642, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the establishment of a commission on Native children. **Pages S2014, S2018**

Warner/Crapo Amendment No. 636, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting the personal information of consumers from data breaches. **Pages S1973, S2014**

Warner/Ayotte Amendment No. 638, to establish a deficit-reduction reserve fund for Government reform and efficiency. **Pages S1973–75, S2014**

Sanders (for Gillibrand/Ayotte) Amendment No. 431, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to medical treatment and compensation for first responders, survivors, and their families injured and made ill by the 9/11 attacks. **Pages S2014, S2019**

Sanders (for Franken/Thune) Amendment No. 793, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to construction of Native American schools.

**Pages S2014, S2019**

Sanders (for Menendez) Amendment No. 705, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Indo-Pacific partner capacity building and strategy.

**Pages S2014, S2019**

Manchin Amendment No. 578, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to addressing methamphetamine abuse in the United States.

**Pages S1961, S2014**

Sanders (for Schatz) Amendment No. 342, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the National Guard State Partnership Program.

**Pages S1980, S2014**

Blumenthal Amendment No. 825, to expand the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and servicemembers. **Page S2003**

Sanders (for Carper) Amendment No. 882, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving prevention and treatment measures to mitigate agricultural impacts from virus outbreaks, such as impacts seen from the avian influenza poultry outbreak. **Pages S2014, S2019**

Cardin Amendment No. 899, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the importance of financial literacy education to allow individuals to make informed and effective decisions with their financial resources. **Pages S1966–67, S2014**

Sanders (for Murphy/Cassidy) Amendment No. 713, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to comprehensive mental health reform.

**Pages S1998, S2014**

Sanders (for Cardin) Amendment No. 364, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving oral health care for children and pregnant women under Medicaid. **Pages S1966, S2014**

Sanders (for Cantwell/Portman) Amendment No. 1002, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the National Park Service Centennial. **Pages S2014, S2019**

Hirono Amendment No. 877, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing college completion, which may include expanding Federal Pell Grant eligibility by allowing college students to use Federal Pell Grants for more than 2 semesters in an academic year. **Pages S1970, S2014**

Booker/Fischer Amendment No. 721, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to encourage freight planning and investment that incorporates all modes of transportation, including rail, waterways, ports, and highways to promote national connectivity. **Pages S1982–83, S2014**

Sanders (for Warren) Amendment No. 1067, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to supporting at-sea and dockside monitoring for fisheries that have received economic disaster assistance. **Pages S2014, S2019**

Sanders (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 643, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to training and resources for first responders responding to hazardous materials incidents on railroads. **Pages S2014, S2019**

Peters Amendment No. 437, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to enhancing and improving the United States Patent and Trademark Office in order to reduce the patent application backlog. **Pages S1964–65**

Sanders (for Murphy/Graham) Amendment No. 1005, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to expanding United States counter-propaganda communications to combat misinformation from the Russian Federation or terrorist groups like ISIS and al Qaeda. **Pages S1998, S2014**

Sanders (for Murray/Alexander) Amendment No. 697, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation that reforms and strengthens elementary and secondary education. **Pages S1960, S2014**

Sanders (for Tester) Amendment No. 569, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to investing in rural and tribal water infrastructure. **Pages S2014, S2019**

Sanders (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 520, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to sexual assault at institutions of higher education, which may include the implementation of an independent and standardized online survey tool developed and administered by the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to measure the prevalence of sexual assault at institutions of higher education. **Pages S2014, S2019–20**

Wyden/Bennet Amendment No. 708, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to simplifying and expanding tax incentives for higher education to boost student attendance and completion. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Sanders (for Franken/Fischer) Amendment No. 803, to ensure that the deficit-neutral reserve fund for infrastructure includes investment in rural broadband deployment. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Sanders (for Feinstein/Kirk) Amendment No. 1081, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to detection, investigation, and prosecution of the owners and operators of websites who knowingly allow such websites to be used to advertise commercial sex with children over the Internet. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Sanders (for Tester) Amendment No. 1003, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to authorizing children who are eligible to receive health care furnished under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain such eligibility until age 26. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Booker Amendment No. 720, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting workforce development through apprenticeship programs. **Pages S1982, S2014**

Sanders (for Booker/Graham) Amendment No. 1033, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the prioritization of broad-based criminal justice reform. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Sanders (for Heinrich) Amendment No. 1013, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to strengthening the economy by accelerating the transfer of technologies from laboratories of the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense to the marketplace. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Peters Amendment No. 639, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting trade and travel at ports of entry. **Pages S1965–66, S2014**

Sanders (for Cardin/McCain) Amendment No. 1044, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to imposing sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights or significant acts of corruption. **Pages S1998, S2014**

Wyden/Crapo Amendment No. 434, to provide for an adjustment to committee allocations for wildfire suppression funding. **Pages S1960, S2014**

Sanders (for Reed) Amendment No. 918, to include legislation concerning weatherization and energy efficiency retrofit programs in a deficit-neutral reserve fund. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Sanders (for Reed) Amendment No. 986, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to reforming student loan programs, which may include risk-sharing by institutions of higher education. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 866, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing funding for the Department of Transportation for the TIGER discretionary grant program. **Pages S2014, S2020**

Coons/Rubio Amendment No. 392, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting the use of college savings accounts while students are in elementary school and secondary school. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Sanders (for Bennet) Amendment No. 792, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to innovation in higher education. **Pages S2014, S2020–21**

Sanders (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1105, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving community relations with law enforcement officers. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Sanders (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1101, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support investments in research and development and to improve the competitiveness of the United States. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Sanders (for Menendez) Amendment No. 435, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to support for Ukraine, which should include the provision of lethal defensive articles. **Pages S1976, S2014**

Sanders (for Menendez) Amendment No. 473, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing funding to combat anti-Semitism in Europe. **Pages S1976, S2014**

Sanders (for Franken) Amendment No. 1091, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing students and families with transparent, easily understood information about postsecondary education financial aid. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Sanders (for Manchin) Amendment No. 580, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing adequate funding for the Contract Tower Program of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Sanders (for Manchin) Amendment No. 585, to modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and servicemembers to improve outreach, access, and services for rural veterans. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Sanders (for Manchin/Capito) Amendment No. 645, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to underground and surface coal mining safety and health research. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Manchin Amendment No. 694, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to investing in advanced fossil energy technology research and development. **Pages S1961, S2014**

Enzi (Wicker/Cardin) Amendment No. 1104, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve funds relating to imposing sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights or significant acts of corruption and to encourage the Secretary of State to add additional names to the Magnitsky List. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Sanders (for Manchin) Amendment No. 586, to modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and servicemembers to address specifically the growing backlog of appeals of decisions regarding claims for disability compensation. **Pages S2014, S2021**

Coons Amendment No. 394, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to special treatment of the income tax credit for research expenditures for startup companies. **Pages S2014, S2021–22**

Cardin Amendment No. 439, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to mandating a higher threshold that the Small Business Administration may guarantee, through the Surety Bond Guarantee Program, of the bonds that small businesses are required to obtain so that they may be able to better compete successfully for Federal Government contracts. **Page S1966**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 93), Sanders/Murray Amendment No. 881, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting a substantial increase in the minimum wage. **Pages S1982, S1983–84**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 94), Stabenow Amendment No. 523, to prevent United States companies from getting tax benefits for moving jobs overseas, to end offshore tax loopholes including inversions, and to provide incentives for United States companies to relocate overseas jobs to the United States. **Pages S1971–72, S1984**

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 95), Sanders (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1012, to strike more than $1.2 trillion in cuts to Medicaid, preserving a critical source of comprehensive, affordable health and long-term care coverage for millions of otherwise uninsured low-income adults, parents, and seniors, including millions of nonelderly low-income adults in States that expanded Medicaid as part of health reform. **Page S1985**

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 100), Baldwin Amendment No. 432, to provide additional resources to create the opportunity for more Americans to obtain a higher education and advanced job skills by supporting two free years of community college paid for by raising revenue through requiring millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share. **Page S1987**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 101), Franken Amendment No. 828, to provide additional resources to save student financial aid and keep college

affordable for more than 8,000,000 low-and middle-income students by restoring the $89,000,000,000 in cuts to Federal Pell Grants in the Republican budget. **Page S1988**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 104), Sanders (for Durbin) Amendment No. 817, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide tax benefits to patriot employers that invest in American jobs and provide fair pay and benefits to workers and to eliminate tax benefits for corporations that ship jobs or profits overseas. **Page S1990**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 107), Whitehouse/Udall Amendment No. 867, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to making it more difficult for corporations and billionaires to secretly influence elections by making unlimited undisclosed campaign expenditures, and to prevent such entities from evading campaign finance law, including through making false statements to government agencies. **Page S1992**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 110), Coons/Sanders Modified Amendment No. 966, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to offsetting the costs of operations against the Islamic State. **Page S1994**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 111), Enzi (for Stabenow/Cantwell) Amendment No. 1072, to provide additional resources to reject the Senate Republicans' proposed $435 billion in cuts to Medicare. **Pages S1995, S1999**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 117), Merkley/Coons Amendment No. 842, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to consumer financial protection. **Page S2002**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 119), Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 951, to establish and fund a new Federal-State partnership to expand access to high-quality preschool programs for children from low-and moderate-income families, offset with revenue from closing loopholes. **Page S2003**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 127), Enzi (for Reed/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 919, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to eliminating deductions for corporate compensation in excess of $1,000,000. **Pages S1996, S2009**

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 131), Warren Modified Amendment No. 1094, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to expanding Social Security. **Page S2012**

By 47 yeas to 51 yeas (Vote No. 133), Cardin Amendment No. 367, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing a funding stream for a voter reinfranchisement initiative. **Pages S1966, S2013**

Withdrawn:

Enzi (for Graham) Amendment No. 763, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to subjecting all Federal spending to sequestration. **Pages S1995, S2003**

Rounds/Inhofe Amendment No. 412, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from engaging in closed-door settlement agreements that ignore impacted States and counties. **Page S1960**

Daines Amendment No. 388, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the designation of national monuments. **Page S1960**

Daines Amendment No. 389, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to holding Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives accountable for failing to pass a balanced budget. **Page S1960**

Roberts/Flake Amendment No. 352, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Federal employee performance awards. **Page S1960**

Roberts Amendment No. 462, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to over-the-counter medications. **Page S1960**

Coats Amendment No. 368, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing States the Medicaid flexibility they need to implement innovative reforms to improve care and enhance access for our Nation's most vulnerable. **Page S1960**

Daines Amendment No. 465, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Second Amendment rights. **Page S1960**

Daines Amendment No. 387, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to postal reform. **Page S1960**

Sanders (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 800, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to a comprehensive approach to crude-by-rail safety. **Page S1960**

Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 812, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide women with affordable access to comprehensive health care, including preventive services (such as contraception and breast cancer screenings), improve maternal health, and ensure that a woman has the same benefits and services no matter what part of the United States she lives in, all of which is critical to improving the health and well-being of women, children, their families, and society as a whole, and is an essential part of a woman's economic security and opportunity. **Page S1960**

Sanders (for Durbin/Coons) Amendment No. 345, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing funding for Federal investments in biomedical and basic scientific research. **Page S1961**

Wyden Amendment No. 791, to strike reconciliation instructions to the Committees on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and Finance and require regular order. **Page S1961**

Wyden Amendment No. 870, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to extending tax provisions expiring in 2013 or 2014 for 2 years, such as those contained in the EXPIRE Act of 2014. **Page S1961**

Heller Amendment No. 452, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that the Secretary of the Interior enters into candidate conservation agreements with each of the relevant 11 Western States before the United States Fish and Wildlife Service makes a listing determination on the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. **Page S1961**

Heller Amendment No. 457, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibition of Veterans Benefits Administration executive bonuses until the backlog of disability claims for veterans is eliminated. **Page S1961**

Coons/Bennet Amendment No. 343, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preserving mandatory appropriations for agricultural conservation programs. **Page S1961**

Coons Amendment No. 391, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the expansion of access to the income tax credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers. **Page S1961**

Coons Amendment No. 802, to offset the costs of the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. **Page S1961**

Baldwin Amendment No. 436, to preserve the point of order against reconciliation legislation that would increase the deficit or reduce a surplus. **Page S1961**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 700, to ensure high-income earners pay a fair share in taxes and to use the revenue to invest in repairing our Nation's bridges, coastal infrastructure, and damage from wildfires. **Page S1961**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 895, to prohibit budget resolutions that support cutting over $1,000,000,000,000 in spending without identifying specific programmatic effects. **Page S1961**

Casey Amendment No. 633, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to enhancing the child and dependent care tax credit. **Page S1961**

Merkley Amendment No. 843, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to restoring reductions in the Republican budget to the Stafford loan program that would mandate that students currently in college pay interest on their loans before they have received their education benefits, to make college more affordable, to reduce the debt burden of students, and to help graduates afford to pay back student loans. **Page S1961**

Merkley/Brown Amendment No. 952, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a more level playing field in trade agreements. **Page S1961**

Merkley Amendment No. 953, to save student financial aid and reduce the student loan debt levels in the Republican budget by 15 percent by eliminating new mandated interest charged while students are still in school. **Page S1961**

Cassidy Amendment No. 341, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the promotion of United States offshore energy production. **Page S1961**

Cassidy Amendment No. 539, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving Medicaid based on successful and bipartisan State demonstration projects. **Page S1961**

Cassidy Amendment No. 795, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to authorizing Federal permitting for manufacturing and energy construction projects relating to national primary or secondary ambient air quality standard for ozone lower than a certain existing standard. **Page S1961**

Coons (for Bennet) Amendment No. 715, to create clean energy jobs through predictable and fair incentives for renewable energy. **Pages S1961, S2008**

Murkowski (for Thune) Amendment No. 743, to reduce funding for the General Services Administration by $1,000,000 until 50 percent of counties in nonattainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone as of January 30, 2015, achieve the air quality standard set forth in the 1997 NAAQS, and direct those funds to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of helping municipalities reach attainment with the 2008 NAAQS for ground-level ozone, acknowledging that (1) given limited State and Federal resources and the delay of the Administrator in issuing to States implementation guidance for the 2008 ground-level ozone NAAQS, priority should be given to achieving the 2008 standard, (2) the Administrator has not sufficiently implemented that standard, (3) focusing by the Administrator on the most polluted areas that are in nonattainment with that standard would benefit public health, and (4) promulgating a lower standard at this time would impose undue costs on the economy and workforce of the United States. **Page S1961**

Gardner (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 852, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing small business regulatory relief and preventing duplicative regulations for investment advisors. **Page S1961**

Capito Amendment No. 415, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to a requirement that any new environmental agreement signed by the United States with any foreign country or countries not result in serious harm to the economy of the United States. **Page S1964**

Peters Amendment No. 521, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to investing in science, technology, and basic research in the United States. **Page S1965**

Cardin/Risch Amendment No. 440, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing the Family Funds limit of the Small Business Investment Company Program from $225,000,000 to $350,000,000, as passed by the Committee in 2013, which is zero subsidy and funded entirely through fees paid by investors and businesses. **Pages S1966–67**

Cardin Amendment No. 900, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the importance of civics and government education. **Pages S1966–67**

Portman Amendment No. 681, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to demolishing vacant and abandoned homes. **Pages S1967–68**

Collins/Moran Amendment No. 427, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to investment in Alzheimer's disease research. **Page S1969**

Hirono Amendment No. 878, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to investing in clean energy and preserving the environment. **Pages S1970–71**

Gardner Amendment No. 445, to prevent labor disputes at seaports in the United States from causing national economic disruptions and crippling businesses across the United States. **Page S1971**

Gardner Amendment No. 448, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to encouraging expedited approval of liquefied natural gas export applications at the Department of Energy. **Page S1971**

Rubio Amendment No. 781, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to reducing foreign assistance to the Palestinian Authority and certain United Nations agencies and increasing foreign assistance for Israel. **Page S1972**

Rubio Amendment No. 565, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that Medicare is not raided to bailout insurance companies under the President's health care overhaul. **Pages S1972–73**

Rubio Amendment No. 562, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a new outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative higher education providers. **Pages S1972–73**

Rubio Amendment No. 590, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting the Medicare Advantage program. **Pages S1972–73**

Warner Amendment No. 991, to restore program integrity funding to combat waste, fraud, and abuse. **Page S1973**

Moran (for Blunt) Amendment No. 467, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to the Kurdistan Regional Government. **Page S1975**

Moran (for Blunt) Amendment No. 468, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to military aid to Israel. **Page S1975**

Markey Amendment No. 707, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to reducing overdose deaths. **Page S1975**

Markey Amendment No. 967, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to domestic medical isotope production. **Page S1975**

Markey Amendment No. 896, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving the safety of offshore oil drilling in the United States. **Page S1975**

Markey Amendment No. 897, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting consumers in the United States from price increases due to large-scale natural gas exports. **Page S1975**

Markey Amendment No. 573, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting the repair and replacement of natural gas distribution pipelines and infrastructure no longer fit for service. **Page S1975**

Sanders (for Menendez/Stabenow) Amendment No. 593, to require consideration of long-term deficits for any legislation relating to repealing or replacing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health care-related provisions of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. **Page S1976**

Flake/Roberts Amendment No. 677, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preventing political targeting by the Internal Revenue Service of individuals and social welfare organizations exercising free-speech rights. **Pages S1976–77**

Flake/McCain Amendment No. 678, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers. **Pages S1967–77**

Flake/Manchin Amendment No. 667, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring

that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits. **Pages S1976–77**

Flake Amendment No. 666, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to reducing the level of Federal premium support for crop insurance policies, which may include eliminating premium support for crop insurance for agricultural producers with an adjusted gross income of more than $750,000 in fiscal year 2016. **Pages S1976–77**

Flake Amendment No. 668, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to government reform and efficiency. **Pages S1976–77**

Enzi (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 504, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to limiting the ability of Environmental Protection Agency personnel to carry guns. **Page S1977**

Enzi (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 505, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting programs related to the ground-based midcourse defense and the long-range discrimination radar programs of the Department of Defense. **Page S1977**

Enzi (for Sullivan/Inhofe) Amendment No. 506, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting vulnerable families from job killing regulations. **Pages S1977–78**

Enzi (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 1011, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to providing an exemption from certain permitting requirements for routine maintenance activities relating to transportation infrastructure. **Pages S1977–78**

Isakson/Shaheen Amendment No. 321, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a biennial budget and appropriations process. **Page S1978**

Isakson Amendment No. 611, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to subject all fees collected by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to the annual appropriations process. **Page S1978**

Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 749, to ensure that the reserve fund relating to affordable healthcare choices for all is used to repeal and not further empower the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S1979**

Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 856, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund to support legislation preventing the Federal Communications Commission from reclassifying broadband providers as common carriers under title II of the Communications Act of 1934 and from implementing other ''net neutrality'' provisions. **Page S1979**

Enzi (for Lee) Amendment No. 759, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to clarifying Federal jurisdiction with respect to intrastate species. **Pages S1979–80**

Tillis Amendment No. 925, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the United States civil courts system. **Page S1980**

Tillis Amendment No. 926, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. **Page S1980**

Sanders (for Cardin) Amendment No. 729, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to invest in surface transportation projects. **Page S1980**

Sanders (for Schatz) Amendment No. 588, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at air ports of entry. **Page S1980**

Enzi (for Johnson) Amendment No. 596, to convey clear information in graphic form about projected deficits. **Page S1981**

Enzi (for Johnson) Amendment No. 865, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund to accommodate legislation that would stop the Federal government from forcing States to pay unemployment compensation benefits to millionaires. **Page S1981**

Cochran/Mikulski Amendment No. 932, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a biennial budget resolution process. **Page S1981**

Booker Amendment No. 722, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting payments for conversion therapy or treatments that purport to change the gender identity or sexual orientation of an individual under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. **Pages S1982–83**

Heinrich Amendment No. 1024, to create a point of order against legislation that would provide for the sale of Federal land to reduce the Federal deficit. **Page S1983**

Enzi (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1025, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to H–1B visas. **Page S1997**

Enzi (for Hatch) Amendment No. 984, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that patients, including military members and veterans, have access to new antibacterial drugs that treat serious or life-threatening infections through the creation by the Food and Drug Administration of a limited population approval pathway for antibacterial drugs. **Page S1997**

Enzi (for Hatch) Amendment No. 535, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to balancing the Federal budget. **Pages S1997–98**

Sanders (for Kaine) Amendment No. 724, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing United States exports and improving the competitiveness of United States businesses.

**Page S1998**

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

By 32 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 96), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline pursuant to Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Rubio Modified Amendment No. 423, to increase new budget authority fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and modify outlays for fiscal years 2016 through 2022 for National Defense (budget function 050). Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 312(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S1985–86**

By 4 yeas to 96 nays (Vote No. 97), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline pursuant to Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Paul Modified Amendment No. 940, to increase new budget authority for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and modify outlays for fiscal years 2016 through 2022 for National Defense (budget function 050) with offsets. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 312(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Page S1986**

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 123), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline with respect to Nelson/Schatz Amendment No. 944, to create a point of order against legislation that would use tax dollars to censor publicly-funded climate science. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

**Pages S1968–69, S2006–07**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 129), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline with respect to Enzi (for Cotton) Amendment No. 664, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to construction of new facilities and improvements to existing facilities at the detention facilities at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S1996, S2010–11**

***Energy Efficiency Improvement Act:*** Senate passed S. 535, to promote energy efficiency.

**Pages S2082–85**

***Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 1092, to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the ''Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building''.

**Page S2088**

***Families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos:*** Senate passed H.R. 1527, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos. **Page S2088**

***Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:*** Senate passed H.J. Res. 10, providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page S2088**

***194th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece:*** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 105, recognizing the 194th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2088**

***National Asbestos Awareness Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, designating the first week of April 2015 as ''National Asbestos Awareness Week''.

**Page S2088**

***Senate Joint Committee on Printing and Joint Committee of Congress on the Library Membership:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page S2088**

***250th Anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 127, recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

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***National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 128, supporting the designation of March 2015, as ''National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month''. **Page S2088**

***National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome Awareness Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 129, designating May 4, 2015, as National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day. **Page S2088**

***Adjournment Resolution:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 31, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2089**

***Adjournment Resolution:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S2089**

**Veto Messages:**

**National Labor Relations Board—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a veto message to accompany 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, the message be considered as having been read, that it be printed in the Record, and spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk and that the Senate begin consideration of the resolution at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with concurrence of the Democratic Leader but no later than April 30th, 2015. **Page S2085**

**Appointments:**

***Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:*** The chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Sheryl B. Vogt of Georgia. **Page S2088**

***Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum:*** The Chair, on the behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 113–291, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Mary Boies of New York and Maria Socorro Pesqueira of Illinois. **Page S2088**

***Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:*** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senator Peters of Michigan vice Senator Reed of Rhode Island. **Page S2088**

***Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 113–291, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Jane Abraham of Virginia and Bridget Bush of Kentucky. **Page S2088**

**Authority for Committees—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, Committees be allowed to file bills and reports on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, between the hours of 10 a.m., and 12 noon. **Page S2089**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader, or the junior Senator from Arkansas, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S2089**

**Appointment Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2089**

**Bennett Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, April 13, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Alfred H. Bennett, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2018.

David Avren Jones, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2018.

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2020.

Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2020.

76 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

38 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2089–91**

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

Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Atul Keshap, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

Alaina B. Teplitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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**Quorum Calls:** One quorum call was taken today. (Total—5) **Page S2009**

**Record Votes:** Forty-three record votes were taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S1983–94, S1999–S2014, S2022**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015 and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 32, at 4:24 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2089.)

# *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor.

## DIPLOMACY, DEVELOPMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine diplomacy, development, and national security, after receiving testimony from Ben Affleck, Eastern Congo Initiative, and Bill Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, both of Seattle, Washington; Scott Ford, Westrock Group, LLC, Little Rock, Arkansas; John Megrue, Born Free Africa, New York, New York; and Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret.), Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Lloyd J. Austin, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command, and General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported lists in the Foreign Service.

## SECURING THE BORDER

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current population living in the shadows and addressing future flows, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey S. Passel, Pew Research Center, Randel K. Johnson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Marc R. Rosenblum, Migration Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Daniel Garza, The LIBRE Initiative, Mission, Texas; and Madeline Zavodny, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received; and

S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020.

## EXAMINE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OPIOID PRESCRIPTION POLICY

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs opioid prescription policy, practice and procedures, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; John Gadea, Jr., Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection State Drug Control Division Director, Hartford; G. Caleb Alexander, Johns Hopkins Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness, Baltimore,

Maryland; and Carol Forster, Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, Oak Hill, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 90 public bills, H.R. 1641–1730; and 21 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39–41; H. Con. Res. 30–33; and H. Res. 175–188, were introduced. **Pages H2107–12**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2115–16**

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

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend James Stoeger, S. J., President, Jesuit Secondary Education Association, Washington, DC. **Page H2037**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Pages H2037, H2083**

**Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 2, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, and to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 144. **Pages H2045–83**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–50 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2045**

H. Res. 173, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 12 nays with five answering ''present'', Roll No. 143, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H2083–45**

**Providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 10, providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H2092**

**Electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 171, electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing. **Page H2092**

**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 31, providing for an adjournment of the House. **Page H2092**

**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, providing for a conditional recess or an adjournment of the Senate. **Page H2092**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 30th, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 31, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H2092–93**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Mrs. Kathy Wills Wright of Arlington, Virginia, and the Honorable Marilyn Musgrave of Ft. Morgan, Colorado. **Page H2093**

**Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Sam Johnson (TX) and Cole. **Page H2093**

**British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Crenshaw, Chairman; Representatives Latta, Aderholt, Holding, Whitfield, and Roe (TN). **Page H2093**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2045 and H2083. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and at 2:03 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 31, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

# *Committee Meetings*

## IMPLEMENTING THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014: COMMODITY POLICY AND CROP INSURANCE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: commodity policy and crop insurance. Testimony was heard from Brandon Willis, Administrator, Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency; and Val Dolcini, Administrator, Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security budget. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

## APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army budget. Testimony was heard from John M. McHugh, Secretary, United States Army; and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

## FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN NEUROSCIENCE AND NEUROTECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Investments in Neuroscience and Neurotechnology oversight. Testimony was heard from Jo Handelsman, Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy; James Olds, Assistant Director for Biological Sciences, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S READINESS POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled ''The Department of Defense's Readiness Posture''. Testimony was heard from General Daniel Allyn, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Admiral Michelle Howard, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Navy; General Larry Spencer, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force; and General John Paxton, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps.

## COMBAT AVIATION MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled ''Combat Aviation Modernization Programs and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request''. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Navy; Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation, Marine Corps; Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director of the Air Warfare Division, Navy; Major General Timothy M. Ray, USAF, Director, Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; and Lieutenant General James M. ''Mike'' Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Requirements, Air Force.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2016 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: LAYING THE GROUNDWORK TO MAINTAIN TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled ''Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2016 Science and Technology Programs: Laying the Groundwork to Maintain Technological Superiority''. Testimony was heard from Alan Shaffer, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering; Mary Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology; Rear Admiral Upper Half Mathias Winter, USN, Chief of Naval Research; David Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology, and Engineering; and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

## EXAMINING THE GROWING PROBLEMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEROIN ABUSE: STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Growing Problems of Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse: State and Local Perspectives''. Testimony was heard from Corporal Michael Griffin, Narcotics Unit Supervisor—K9 Handler, Special Investigations Division, Tulsa Police Department; and public witnesses.

## NEXT STEPS FOR SPECTRUM POLICY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled ''Next Steps for Spectrum Policy''. Testimony was heard from Gary Epstein, Chair, Incentive Auction Task Force, Federal Communications Commission; Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; John Liebovitz, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and Roger Sherman, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 299, the ''Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015''; H.R. 601, the ''Eliminate Privacy Notice

Confusion Act''; H.R. 650, the ''Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015''; H.R. 685, the ''Mortgage Choice Act of 2015''; H.R. 1195, the ''Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act''; H.R. 1259, the ''Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act''; H.R. 1265, the ''Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act''; H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 1408, the ''Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015''; H.R. 1480, the ''SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act''; and H.R. 1529, the ''Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2015''. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 299, H.R. 601, H.R. 1195, H.R. 1265, H.R. 1259, H.R. 1480, H.R. 1367, H.R. 1408, H.R. 1529, H.R. 650, and H.R. 685.

### THE ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY TO CONFRONT ISIS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Administration's Strategy to Confront ISIS''. Testimony was heard from General John Allen, USMC, Retired, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State; Brigadier General Michael Fantini, USAF, Middle East Principal Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and Brigadier General Gregg Olson, USMC, Deputy Director for Middle East, Joint Staff Strategic Plans and Policy, Department of Defense.

### LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider rules change and a hearing entitled ''Leadership Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security''. The committee agreed to a committee resolution amending the rules of the Committee on Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Maria M. Odom, Ombudsman, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

### EFFECT OF THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2016 BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S ENERGY AND MINERALS PROGRAMS ON PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION, DOMESTIC ENERGY AND MINERALS PRODUCTION AND DEFICIT REDUCTION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled ''Effect of the President's FY 2016 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service's Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction''. Testimony was heard from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service.

### DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS AT EPA—WHEN RECORDS MUST BE KEPT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment, held a joint hearing entitled ''Destruction of Records at EPA—When Records Must Be Kept''. Testimony was heard from Paul M. Wester, Jr., Chief Records Officer, National Archives and Records Administration; Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1560, the ''Protecting Cyber Networks Act''. H.R. 1560 was ordered reported, as amended. This markup was closed.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the* SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 13

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Alfred H. Bennett, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, April 13

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015 pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 31.

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