

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 11, Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2611–S2658

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1188–1199, and S. Res. 167–169. **Pages S2650–51**

Measures Reported:

S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service. (S. Rept. No. 114–35)

S. 579, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–36) **Page S2650**

Measures Passed:

International Women's Day: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 97, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S2656**

Corker/Rubio Amendment No. 1199, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2656**

Corker (for Lee) Amendment No. 1201 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 1200), to amend the preamble. **Page S2656**

Corker/Rubio Amendment No. 1200, to amend the preamble. **Page S2656**

Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 155, establishing May 2, 2015, as a Day of Recognition for Ebola Orphans to express support for the children and families affected by the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa by promoting awareness of the children of West Africa who have been orphaned by the 2014 Ebola epi-

dem, celebrating those who have recognized and are working to fulfill the needs of those children, and encouraging the people of the United States to continue to support the people of West Africa, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2658**

Dr. Warren Weinstein: Senate agreed to S. Res. 169, expressing condolences to the family of Dr. Warren Weinstein, and commemorating the life and work of Dr. Warren Weinstein. **Page S2658**

Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S2644**

Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2644**

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1179 (to Amendment No. 1140), to require submission of all Persian text included in the agreement. **Page S2644**

Blunt Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1140), to extend the requirement for annual Department of Defense reports on the military power of Iran. **Page S2644**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1179), to require an assessment of inadequacies in the international monitoring and verification system as they relate to a nuclear agreement with Iran. **Page S2644**

Cotton Amendment No. 1197 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1140), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2644**

Cotton (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1198 (to Amendment No. 1197), to require a certification

that Iran's leaders have publically accepted Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. **Page S2644**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140. **Page S2644**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. **Page S2658**

Veto Messages:

National Labor Relations Board Veto Message: Senate continued consideration of the 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. **Pages S2613, S2644**

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

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate tabled the veto message to accompany the joint resolution. **Page S2644**

Conference Reports:

Budget Resolution—Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 171), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany 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. **Pages S2613–44**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 170), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution. **Page S2613**

Messages from the House: **Page S2649**

Measures Referred: **Page S2649**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—172) **Pages S2613, S2643–44, S2644**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2658.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Grain Standards Act, after receiving testimony from Bill Gordon, American Soybean Association, Worthington, Minnesota; David Ayers, American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies, Urbana, Illinois; Tim Paurus, CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; and Steve Campbell, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the North American Export Grain Association.

APPROPRIATIONS: SEC AND CFTC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Mary Jo White, Chairwoman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Tim Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on the importance of a long term reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Utah State Senator Curt Bramble, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Mayor Brian C. Wahler, Piscataway Township, New Jersey, on behalf of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; and Nick Yaksich, Association of Equipment Manufacturers, and Janet Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.