

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2949–S3007*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1360–1367. **Page S2971**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 611, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems. (S. Rept. No. 114–47)

S. 653, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act. (S. Rept. No. 114–48) **Page S2971**

**Measures Passed:**

*Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol. **Page S3006**

**Measures Considered:**

**Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right To Appeal Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2951–68**

**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote on 92 yeas (Vote No. 182), Hatch (for Lankford) Modified Amendment No. 1237 (to Amendment No. 1221), to establish consideration of the conditions relating to religious freedom of parties to trade negotiations as an overall negotiating objective of the United States. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S2960–62, S2963–64**

**Rejected:**

By 45 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 181), Brown Amendment No. 1242 (to Amendment No. 1221),

to restore funding for the trade adjustment assistance program to the level established by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2962–63**

**Pending:**

Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2951**

Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Page S2951**

Hatch (for Inhofe/Coons) Modified Amendment No. 1312 (to Amendment No. 1221), to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements. **Pages S2966–67**

Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program. **Pages S2966–67**

Stabenow (for Portman) Amendment No. 1299 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States to address currency manipulation in trade agreements. **Page S2967**

Brown Amendment No. 1251 (to Amendment No. 1221), to require the approval of Congress before additional countries may join the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. **Pages S2967–68**

Wyden (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses. **Page S2968**

Wyden (for Warren) Amendment No. 1327 (to Amendment No. 1221), to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures to an implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade agreement that includes investor-state dispute settlement. **Page S2968**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma, received during adjournment of the Senate on May 15, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-17) **Page S2970**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2971**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2971**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**  
**Pages S2971, S3005**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2971-73**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2968-70**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2973-S3005**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3005**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S2963-64**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3006.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 2390-2404 and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54 and H. Res. 270 were introduced.

**Pages H3308-09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3310**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: Committee on Appropriations; Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2016 (H. Rept. 114-118);

H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-119); and

H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1806) to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2250) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114-120). **Page H3308**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3257**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3257**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. **Page H3258**

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

**Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015:** H.R. 474, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs; **Pages H3258-59**

**Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act:** H.R. 1038, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; **Pages H3259-60**

**Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act:** H.R. 1313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 241; **Pages H3260-61, H3294**