

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1578–1589. **Page S4202**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–66) **Page S4202**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

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**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 209), Feinstein (for McCain) Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reaffirm the prohibition on torture.

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#### Rejected:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 210), McCain (for Ernst/Boxer) Amendment No. 1549 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government. (Pursuant to the order of

Thursday, June 11, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 211) Reed (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 26 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 213), Vitter/Moran Further Modified Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units, and to provide an offset.

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#### Withdrawn:

Lee Amendment No. 1687 (to Amendment No. 1473), to provide for the protection and recovery of the greater sage-grouse, the conservation of lesser prairie-chickens, and the removal of endangered species status for the American burying beetle.

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#### Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute.

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McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security.

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Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil.

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Reed (for Blumenthal) Modified Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses.

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McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

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Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations.

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Fischer/Booker Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

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McCain (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1911 (to Amendment No. 1456), to require a report on the Department of Defense definition of and policy regarding software sustainment.

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

By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 212), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McCain Amendment No. 1463 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time during morning business and the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McCain Amendment No. 1463 (listed above).

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–20)

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

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 27, 2015.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2021.

John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

A routine list in the Air Force.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—213)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4209.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security Appropriations".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2016 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations".

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.