

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5021–S5090

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1754–1765, and S. Res. 223. **Page S5061**

Measures Passed:

Adoptive Family Relief Act: Senate passed S. 1300, to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations. **Page S5057**

Syrian War Crimes Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 756, to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria. **Pages S5088–89**

Need-Based Educational Aid Act: Senate passed S. 1482, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid. **Pages S5089–90**

World Refugee Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 204, recognizing June 20, 2015 as “World Refugee Day”. **Page S5090**

National Child Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, designating September 2015 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States. **Page S5090**

Measures Considered:

Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5023–59**

Adopted:

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 233), Bennet (for Booker) Amendment No. 2169 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require a State’s report card to include

information on the graduation rates of homeless children and children in foster care. **Pages S5033–35**

Alexander (for Portman/Coons) Amendment No. 2137 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for early college high school and dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities. **Pages S5033–34, S5035**

Bennet Amendment No. 2159 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend title IV regarding family engagement in education programs. **Pages S5033, S5035**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 234), Isakson/Ayotte Amendment No. 2194 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require local educational agencies to inform parents of any State or local educational agency policy, procedure, or parental right regarding student participation in any mandated assessments for that school year. **Pages S5039–40, S5045**

Bennet Amendment No. 2210 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require States to establish a limit on the aggregate amount of time spent on assessments. **Pages S5033, S5045**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 232), Alexander (for Scott) Amendment No. 2132 (to Amendment No. 2089), to expand opportunity by allowing Title I funds to follow low-income children. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5023, S5027–33, S5034**

By 32 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 235), Lee/Paul Amendment No. 2162 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 relating to parental notification and opt-out of assessments. **Pages S5038–39, S5045–46**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 236), Murray (for Franken) Amendment No. 2093 (to Amendment No. 2089), to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5023, S5040–45, S5046–47**

Pending:

Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5023**

Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities. **Pages S5023, S5049**

Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2120 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(d) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding the cross-tabulation of student data. **Page S5023**

Alexander (for Kirk) Amendment No. 2161 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure that States measure and report on indicators of student access to critical educational resources and identify disparities in such resources. **Page S5023**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089 (listed above) equally divided in the usual form; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, and to the bill, be at 10 a.m. **Page S5090**

Hire More Heroes Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S5057**

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, July 16, 2015. **Page S5057**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5057**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Romonia S. Dixon, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2018. **Pages S5088, S5090**

Victoria Ann Hughes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2016. **Pages S5088, S5090**

Richard Christman, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2017. **Pages S5088, S5090**

Eric P. Liu, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2017. **Pages S5088, S5090**

Dean A. Reuter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2016. **Pages S5088, S5090**

Shamina Singh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2019. **Pages S5088, S5090**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—236) **Pages S5034–35, S5045–47**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5090.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Paul J. Selva, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General Darren W. McDew, USAF, to be commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CURES FOR AMERICA'S MOST DEADLY DISEASES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unlocking the cures for America's most deadly diseases, after receiving testimony from former Senator Tom Coburn; Christopher Frangione, XPRIZE,