

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2045–2060, S.J. Res. 22, and S. Res. 257–259. **Pages S6809–10**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. (S. Rept. No. 114–144)

H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity. **Page S6809**

#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Passenger Train Bravery and Heroism:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, honoring the bravery and heroism of those who selflessly prevented a deadly terrorist attack and saved countless lives while aboard a passenger train bound from Amsterdam to Paris on August 21, 2015. **Page S6818**

**Welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain to the United States:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 253, welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6818**

**Emergency Information Improvement Act:** Senate passed S. 1090, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance. **Page S6819**

**Competitive Service Act:** Senate passed S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates. **Page S6819**

**TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act:** Senate passed H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 2666, to require the Assistant Secretary to submit certain materials and information to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to submit a study to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate. **Page S6820**

#### Measures Considered:

**Hire More Heroes Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 61, amending 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640), to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2657 (to Amendment No. 2656), to change the enactment date. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2658 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6775**

McConnell Amendment No. 2659 (to Amendment No. 2658), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6775**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2660, to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2661 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2660), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2662 (to Amendment No. 2661), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 266), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution, be withdrawn.

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By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 267), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2640.

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**Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 36, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children.

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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 Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Michael C. McGowan, of Delaware, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, for the term of four years.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267) **Pages S6780–81**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6820.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### **MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine maritime security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Pacific Command, and David B. Shear, Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense.

### **NOMINATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, after