Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action


Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1470, and S. Res. 188. Pages S3341–42

Measures Passed:

American Craft Beer Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States. Page S3371

Measures Considered:

USA FREEDOM Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

Pending:

McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1449, in the nature of a substitute. Page S3340

McConnell Amendment No. 1450 (to Amendment No. 1449), of a perfecting nature. Page S3340

McConnell Amendment No. 1451 (to Amendment No. 1450), relating to appointment of amicus curiae. Page S3340

McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1452 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1449), of a perfecting nature. Page S3340

McConnell Amendment No. 1453 (to Amendment No. 1452), to change the enactment date. Pages S3340–41

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 on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Pages S3340–41

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

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Saturday, May 23, 2015, was agreed to. Page S3332

The motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Saturday, May 23, 2015, was agreed to. Page S3341

By 77 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 196), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S3332

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 1 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2015. Page S3371

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Page S3341

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 upon disposition of H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes. Page S3341

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Pages S3371–72

Messages from the House:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Page S3341
Amendments Submitted: Pages S3342–71
Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—196)
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3371.)

Committee Meetings
(Committees not listed did not meet)
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS
(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D586)
H.R. 606, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income. Signed on May 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–14)
H.R. 651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the “Sister Ann Keefe Post Office”. Signed on May 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–15)
H.R. 1075, to designate the United States Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry located at First Street and Pan American Avenue in Douglas, Arizona, as the “Raul Hector Castro Port of Entry”. Signed on May 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–16)
H.R. 1191, to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran’s nuclear program. Signed on May 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–17)
S. 1124, to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act. Signed on May 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–18)
H.R. 2496, to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. Signed on May 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–19)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Circumvention of Contracts in the Provision of Non-VA Healthcare”, 4 p.m., 334 Cannon.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Monday, June 1

 Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2048, USA FREE-DOM Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Monday, June 1

 House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.