

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S495–S547

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 256–272, and S. Res. 42. **Pages S541–42**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Measures Considered:

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S497–S537**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S497**

Vitter/Cassidy Modified Amendment No. 80 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide for the distribution of revenues from certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf. **Page S497**

Murkowski (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 2), to restrict the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to arm agency personnel. **Pages S497, S509–12**

Cardin Amendment No. 75 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide communities that rely on drinking water from a source that may be affected by a tar sands spill from the Keystone XL pipeline an analysis of the potential risks to public health and the environment from a leak or rupture of the pipeline. **Page S497**

Murkowski Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress relating to adaptation projects in the United States Arctic region and rural communities. **Page S497**

Flake Amendment No. 103 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs. **Page S497**

Cruz Amendment No. 15 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote economic growth and job creation by increasing exports. **Pages S497, S507–08**

Moran/Cruz Amendment No. 73 (to Amendment No. 2), to delist the lesser prairie-chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. **Page S497**

Daines Amendment No. 132 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding the designation of National Monuments. **Page S497**

Boxer Amendment No. 130 (to Amendment No. 2), to preserve existing permits and the authority of the agencies issuing the permits to modify the permits if necessary. **Pages S512–13**

Peters/Stabenow Amendment No. 70 (to Amendment No. 2), to require that the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration make a certification and submit to Congress the results of a study before the pipeline may be constructed, connected, operated, or maintained. **Page S513**

Collins/Warner Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 2), to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools. **Pages S513–14**

Murkowski Amendment No. 166 (to Amendment No. 2), to release certain wilderness study areas from management for preservation as wilderness. **Pages S514–18**

Sanders Amendment No. 23 (to Amendment No. 2), to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 photovoltaic systems by 2025. **Pages S518–20**

Merkley Amendment No. 174 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress that the United States should prioritize and fund adaptation projects in communities in the United States while also helping to fund climate change adaptation in developing countries. **Page S520**

Merkley Amendment No. 125 (to Amendment No. 2), to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and provide infrastructure funding. **Page S520**

Cantwell/Boxer Amendment No. 131 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that if the Keystone XL Pipeline is built, it will be built safely and in compliance with United States environmental laws. **Pages S520–21**

Tillis/Burr Amendment No. 102 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide for leasing on the outer Continental Shelf and the distribution of certain qualified revenues from such leasing. **Pages S521–23, S525**

Markey Amendment No. 178 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that products derived from tar sands are treated as crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum. **Page S523**

Markey Amendment No. 141 (to Amendment No. 2), to delay the effective date until the President determines that the pipeline will not have certain negative impacts. **Pages S523–24**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 148 (to Amendment No. 2), to require campaign finance disclosures for certain persons benefitting from tar sands development. **Pages S524–25**

Booker Amendment No. 155 (to Amendment No. 2), to allow permitting agencies to consider new circumstances and new information. **Page S525**

Burr Modified Amendment No. 92 (to Amendment No. 2), to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. **Pages S525–26**

Coons Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding climate change and infrastructure. **Pages S526–27**

Carper Amendment No. 120 (to Amendment No. 2), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credits for new qualified fuel cell motor vehicles and alternative fuel vehicle refueling property. **Pages S527–28**

Heitkamp Amendment No. 133 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 should be amended to extend the credit with respect to facilities producing energy from certain renewable resources. **Pages S528–29**

Cardin Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 2), to clarify that treaties with Indian tribes remain in effect. **Pages S529–31**

Cantwell (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 48 (to Amendment No. 2), to modify the definition of underground injection. **Pages S531–32**

Cantwell (for Peters/Stabenow) Amendment No. 55 (to Amendment No. 2), to require a study of the potential environmental impact of by-products of the Keystone XL pipeline. **Pages S532–36**

Murkowski (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 245 (to Amendment No. 2), to clarify that treaties with Indian tribes remain in effect. **Page S536**

Daines Amendment No. 246 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress that reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund should be a priority. **Pages S536–37**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, Senate vote on or in relation to the fol-

lowing amendments in the order listed: Cardin Amendment No. 75 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Peters/Stabenow Amendment No. 70 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Sanders Amendment No. 23 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Cruz Amendment No. 15 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Merkley Amendment No. 125 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Moran/Cruz Amendment No. 73 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Whitehouse Amendment No. 148 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Daines Amendment No. 132 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Coons Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Collins/Warner Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Carper Amendment No. 120 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Murkowski Amendment No. 166 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Heitkamp Amendment No. 133 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Cantwell (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 48 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Murkowski (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 245 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Cardin Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), Daines Amendment No. 246 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above), and Burr Modified Amendment No. 92 (to Amendment No. 2) (listed above); that all amendments on this list be subject to a 60 vote affirmative threshold for adoption, and that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendments; and that there be two minutes of debate equally divided between each vote, and that all votes after the first in the series be 10 minutes in length. **Page S537**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. **Page S547**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard T. Julius, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2019.

Albert Stanley Meiburg, of Georgia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General. **Page S547**

Messages from the House: **Page S541**

Measures Referred: **Page S541**

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S546–47
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S547.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global challenges and U.S. national security strategy, after receiving testimony from General James N. Mattis, USMC (Ret.), and Admiral William J. Fallon, USN (Ret.), both a former Commander, United States Central Command, and General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 42) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Scott (Chair), Crapo, Heller, Moran, Corker, Cotton, Rounds, Vitter, Menendez, Reed, Schumer, Tester, Merkley, Heitkamp, and Donnelly.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection: Senators Toomey (Chair), Crapo, Heller, Rounds, Corker, Vitter, Kirk, Scott, Merkley, Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Warner, Warren, and Donnelly.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Crapo (Chair), Corker, Vitter, Toomey, Kirk, Scott, Sasse, Moran, Warner, Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Tester, Warren, and Donnelly.

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Kirk (Chair), Cotton, Sasse, Heitkamp, and Warner.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Heller (Chair), Toomey, Cotton, Rounds, Sasse, Moran, Warren, Tester, Merkley, and Heitkamp.

Senators Shelby and Brown are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

IRAN SANCTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the strategic necessity of Iran sanctions, after receiving testimony from Antony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Bethesda, Maryland; and Patrick Clawson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 2015 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine President Obama's 2015 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Michael Froman, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Portman (Chair), McCain, Paul, Lankford, Ayotte, Sasse, McCaskill, Tester, Baldwin, and Heitkamp.

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management: Senators Paul (Chair), Lankford, Enzi, Ayotte, Ernst, Sasse, Baldwin, McCaskill, Booker, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management: Senators Lankford (Chair), McCain, Portman, Enzi, Ernst, Sasse, Heitkamp, Tester, Booker, and Peters.

Senators Johnson and Carper are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on supporting teachers and school leaders, after receiving testimony from Terry Holliday, Kentucky Commissioner of Education, Frankfort; Dan Goldhaber, American Institutes for Research National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research, Bothell, Washington; Saul Hinojosa, Somerset School District, Somerset, Texas; Rachele Moore, Madrona K–8, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the National Education Association; and Christine Handy-Collins, Gaithersburg High School, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing