

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6045–S6087.*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1873–1881, S.J. Res. 20, S. Res. 233, and S. Con. Res. 20.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act:** Senate passed S. 614, to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Carper/Johnson) Amendment No. 2541, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act:** Senate passed S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability.

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**National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act:** Senate passed S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 64, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Monuments Men.

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**National Association of Women Business Owners 40th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 225, honoring the National Association of Women Business Owners on its 40th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20, recognizing and honoring the 25th anniversary of the date of enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement:** Senate continued 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2421 (to Amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2533 (to Amendment No. 2421), relating to Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2417 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2418 (to Amendment No. 2417), of a perfecting nature.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, all post-cloture time on McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266 (listed above) be considered expired; and that if cloture is invoked on the bill, then the post-cloture time count as if cloture had been invoked at 6 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, with the time until 10 a.m., equally divided in the usual form.

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**Beck, Prieto, and Ochoa Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached

providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on 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, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Allison Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, and Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S6046**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6087.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### CRUDE OIL EXPORT BAN

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lifting the crude oil export ban, after receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski and Hoeven; Richard Muncrief, WPX Energy, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Michèle Flournoy, Center for a New American Security, Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute, and Leo W. Gerard, United Steelworkers, on behalf of the AFL–CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

Committee also began consideration of an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 29.

### DIPLOMATIC SECURITY TRAINING FACILITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the State Department's proposal to construct a new diplomatic security training facility, after receiving testimony from Gregory Starr, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; David Mader, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Connie L. Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, Department of Homeland Security.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 3231–3271; 1 private bill, H.R.

3272; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65–66; and H. Res. 385–387 and 389–391, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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