

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S453–S530.

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2478–2484, and S. Res. 353–356. **Pages S486–87**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 1493, to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1882, to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization.

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Measures Passed:

West Lake Landfill: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 2306, to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake remediation oversight of the West Lake Landfill located in Bridgeton, Missouri, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S529–30**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2016, as “National Stalking Awareness Month”. **Pages S488–89, S530**

Congratulating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Champions: Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, congratulating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln volleyball team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Championship. **Pages S489, S530**

National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 355, designating the week beginning February 7, 2016, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Pages S489, S530**

National Mentoring Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, recognizing January 2016 as National Mentoring Month. **Pages S489–90, S530**

Measures Considered:

Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S460–484**
Adopted:

Rounds Modified Amendment No. 3182 (to Amendment No. 2953), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a conservation incentives landowner education program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S471–72**

Durbin/Alexander Amendment No. 3095 (to Amendment No. 2953), to increase funding for the Office of Science of the Department of Energy. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S475**

Murkowski (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3064 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to the energy workforce pilot grant program. **Page S482**

Murkowski (for Hirono) Modified Amendment No. 3065 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to the energy workforce pilot grant program. **Pages S482–83**

Murkowski (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3179 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify the areas of focus under the grid storage program. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Carper/Inhofe) Amendment No. 3145 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide that for purposes of the Federal purchase requirement, renewable energy includes thermal energy. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 3174 (to Amendment No. 2953), to affirm a Federal commitment to carbon capture utilization and storage research, development, and implementation and to study the costs and benefits of contracting authority for price stabilization. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Collins) Modified Amendment No. 3140 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require certain Federal agencies to establish consistent policies relating to forest biomass energy to help address the energy needs of the United States. **Pages S482, S483, S484**

Murkowski (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 3156 (to Amendment No. 2953), to strike a repeal under a provision relating to manufacturing energy efficiency. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Carper/Inhofe) Amendment No. 3143 (to Amendment No. 2953), to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Boxer/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 3194 (to Amendment No. 2953), to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a task force to analyze and assess the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. **Pages S482, S483–84**

Murkowski (for Inhofe/King) Amendment No. 3205 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for the use of geomatic data in consideration of applications for Federal authorization. **Pages S482, S484**

Murkowski (for Booker) Amendment No. 3160 (to Amendment No. 2953), to strike a provision relating to identifying and characterizing methane hydrate resources using remote sensing and seismic data in the Atlantic Ocean Basin. **Pages S482, S484**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 10), Lee Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify the authority of the President of the United States to declare national monuments. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 1, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S468–71**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 11), Franken Amendment No. 3115 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 1, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S471**

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 12), Barrasso Amendment No. 3030 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S472–73**

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 13), Sullivan Amendment No. 2996 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S473–74**

By 45 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 14), Schatz/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3176 (to Amendment No. 2953), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out tax preferences for fossil fuels on the same schedule as the phase out of the tax credits for wind facilitates. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S474–75**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 15), Whitehouse Amendment No. 3125 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require campaign finance disclosures for certain persons benefitting from fossil fuel activities. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S475–77**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S460**

Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Page S460**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements. **Pages S460, S482**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Murkowski Amendment No. 2953 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 4, 2016. **Page S530**

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 upon disposition of Murkowski Amendment No. 2953. **Page S477**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 3, 2016; and that the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, and the bill, be at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. **Page S530**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's fiscal year (FY) 2016 Budget and Financial Plan; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM-39)

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Messages from the House: Page S486

Measures Referred: Page S486

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S490-S529

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S529

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—15) Pages S471, S473, S474, S475, S477

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S530.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GROUND COMBAT UNITS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the decision to open all ground combat units to women, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, Patrick J. Murphy, Under Secretary, and General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

RUSSIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Russia, the European Union, and American foreign policy from Victoria Nuland, As-

stant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

FRONTLINE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine frontline response to terrorism in America, after receiving testimony from Mark Ghilarducci, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Director and Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, Mather; Chief Wallace L. Sparks, Everest Metropolitan Police Department, Weston, Wisconsin; Commissioner William J. Bratton, New York City Police Department, New York, New York; Rhoda Mae Kerr, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Austin, Texas; and Edward F. Davis, III, Edward Davis, LLC, Boston, Massachusetts.

EB-5 REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the EB-5 regional center program, including S. 1501, to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Colucci, Chief, Office of Immigrant Investor Program, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen L. Cohen, Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND THE STATE ACTION DOCTRINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine occupational licensing and the state action doctrine, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Misha Tseytlin, Wisconsin Solicitor General, Madison; Morris Kleiner, University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis; Robert Everett Johnson, Institute for Justice, Washington, D.C.; and Bill Main, Segs in the City, Baltimore, Maryland.