

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings pages S6027–S6106

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2936–2939, and S. Res. 581–582. **Page S6095**

#### Measures Failed:

**Keystone XL Pipeline:** By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate failed to pass S. 2280, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, by the order of Thursday, November 12, 2014, 60 Senators not having voted in the affirmative. **Pages S6029–53, S6053–73**

#### Measures Passed:

**Holiday Season Charitable Collection:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 577, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6106**

#### Measures Considered:

**USA Freedom Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2685, 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. **Pages S6075–80**

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

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 282), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S6079–80**

**Morning Business—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the time during morning business on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. be under the control of the Republicans, and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. be under the control of the Majority. **Page S6106**

**Pepper Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. **Page S6080**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, November 20, 2014. **Page S6080**

**Sannes Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Pages S6080–81**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. **Page S6081**

**Arleo Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S6081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Page S6081**

**Beetlestone Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S6081**

**Bolden Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S6081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6081**

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

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 281), Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. **Page S6074, S6106**

Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S6074, S6106**

Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S6074, S6106**

Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay. **Page S6075, S6106**

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. **Page S6075, S6106**

James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau. **Page S6075, S6106**

Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam. **Page S6075, S6106**

William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain. **Page S6075, S6106**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—282) **Pages S6073, S6074, S6079–80**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6106.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### TAX RELIEF AFTER A DISASTER

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight concluded a hearing to examine tax relief after a disaster, focusing on how individuals, small businesses, and communities recover, after receiving testimony from Mayor Andy Berke, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Robert G. Loughery, Bucks County Commissioners, Doylestown, Pennsylvania; Vincent M. Ignizio, New York City Council, New York, New York; Sean T. Cronin, St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District, Longmont, Colorado; Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, DC.; and Troy K. Lewis, The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Draper, Utah.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Lewis, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.