

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1892, Bipartisan Budget Act, with further amendment.

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Day of Thursday, February 8, 2018)

Routine Proceedings, pages S847–S853

Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Res. 400. **Pages S850–51**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 104, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1892, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S852**

McConnell Amendment No. 1941, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S852**

National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 400, designating the week beginning February 11, 2018, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Pages S852–53**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017: Senate passed H.R. 1301, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S853**

McConnell Amendment No. 1942, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S853**

Measures Considered:

Broader Options for Americans Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage. **Pages S849–50**

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, and pursuant to

the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, February 9, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018. **Pages S849–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 12, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S853**

House Messages:

Bipartisan Budget Act: By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 31), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1892, to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty, with Amendment No. 1930, in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1930), to change the enactment date. **Page S849**

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

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 30), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 1930 (listed above). **Page S849**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No.

1932, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 1930 (listed above).

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McConnell Amendment No. 1933 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1932), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1932 (listed above) fell.

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McConnell Amendment No. 1934 (to Amendment No. 1933), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1933 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1932) (listed above) fell.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators Murkowski, Barrasso, Tillis, and Rounds be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, February 9, 2018.

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Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the House of Representatives does not concur in

the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1892, to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m., on Friday, February 9, 2018.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—31)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:01 a.m. and adjourned at 1:57 a.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S853.)

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 noon on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Committee Meetings

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE
AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE
AMENDMENT TO AN ACT TO AMEND
TITLE 4, UNITED STATES CODE, TO
PROVIDE FOR THE FLYING OF THE FLAG
AT HALF-STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE
DEATH OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN THE
LINE OF DUTY

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, an Act to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty [Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the

chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, 5 p.m., SVC–217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, February 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, February 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2579, Broader Options for Americans Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

(If the House of Representatives does not concur in the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1892, Bipartisan Budget Act, Senate will meet at 11 a.m., on Friday, February 9, 2018.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet at 12 noon.



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