

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7601–S7664*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2217–2224. **Pages S7654–55**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1324, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units. (S. Rept. No. 114–159)

S. 1500, to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters. (S. Rept. No. 114–160)

Report to accompany S. 1523, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program. (S. Rept. No. 114–161) **Page S7654**

#### Measures Passed:

**Homeless Veterans Services Protection Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7621–22**

Murray (for Heller) Amendment No. 2760, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans. **Page S7622**

#### House Messages:

**Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on

the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7604–21, S7622–24, S7625–52**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7604**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2750, to change the enactment date. **Page S7604**

McConnell Amendment No. 2751 (to Amendment No. 2750), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7604**

McConnell motion to refer the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2752, to change the enactment date. **Page S7604**

McConnell Amendment No. 2753 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2752), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7604**

McConnell Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2753), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7604**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 12:01 a.m., on Friday, October 30, 2015, with the time until 1:01 a.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S7642**

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

Edward L. Gilmore, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years. **Page S7663**

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S7654**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7654**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**  
**Pages S7602, S7642, S7654**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S7654**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7655–56**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:****Additional Statements:** Pages S7653–54**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S7656–63**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S7663

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:07 p.m., until 12:01 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7642.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE STRATEGY AND FORCE STRUCTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine alternative approaches to defense strategy and force structure, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Donnelly, American Enterprise Institute Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies, Shawn Brimley, Center for a New American Security, Andrew F. Krepinevich, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Christopher A. Preble, Cato Institute, and Dakota L. Wood, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

### WELFARE AND POVERTY IN AMERICA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine welfare and poverty in America, after receiving testimony from Jon S. Pierpont, Utah Department of Workforce Services Executive Director, Salt Lake City; Pamela Loprest, Urban Institute, and Aretha J. Jackson, America Works, both of Washington, D.C.; and H. Luke Shaefer, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy School of Social Work, Ann Arbor.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), and Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TREATIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and

the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–08), convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the “proposed Convention”) and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111–07), the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the “related Agreement”) on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112–08), the Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris on May 27, 2010 (the “proposed Protocol”), which was signed by the United States on May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112–05), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113–04), the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113–05), and the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for