

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S73–S121

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 32–57, and S. Res. 7–8. **Page S112–13**

Measures Passed:

Majority party's committee membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 7, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S106**

Minority party's committee membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S106–07**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S75–S106, S107**

Pending:

Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 1, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S97–S106**

Sanders Amendment No. 19, relative to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. **Page S106**

Sanders (for Hirono/Donnelly) Amendment No. 20, to protect the Medicare and Medicaid programs. **Page S107**

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

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Kaine Amendment No. 8, relating to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of

the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment falls. **Page S79–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 9, 2017, Senate vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 1 (listed above); and that at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, Senate vote on or in relation to Sanders Amendment No. 19 (listed above). **Page S121**

Counting of Electoral Ballots—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12:45 p.m., on Friday, January 6, 2017, Senate stand in recess, to then proceed as a body to the hall of the House of Representatives under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 2, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2017, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States; and that upon the dissolution of the Joint Session, Senate stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m., on Monday, January 9, 2017; and that following Leader remarks, Senate resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026. **Page S121**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary Ellen Barbera, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018.

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019.

Wilfredo Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019.

Chase Rogers, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018.

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019. **Page S121**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2)	Page S95
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 12:45 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S121.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREIGN CYBER THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign cyber threats to the

United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; and Marcel J. Lettre II, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, Chief, Central Security Services, both of the Department of Defense.

RUSSIAN HACKING AND HARASSMENT OF U.S. DIPLOMATS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on administration actions in response to Russian hacking and harassment of United States diplomats from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Gentry O. Smith, Director, Office of Foreign Missions, both of the Department of State; Danny Toler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and John Smith, Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 294–348; 1 private bill, H.R. 349; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 19–20; H. Con. Res. 6–7; and H. Res. 23–28, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H184

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Reading of the Constitution: Pursuant to section 5(a) of H. Res. 5, the Chair recognized Representative Goodlatte for the reading of the Constitution.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace: The House agreed to H. Res. 11, objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace,

by a yea-and-nay vote of 342 yeas to 80 nays with 4 answering “present”, Roll No. 11. Pages H146–65

H. Res. 22, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 11) and the bill (H.R. 26) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 10, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 9. Pages H113–24

Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 26, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 23.

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Rejected the Murphy (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 22. Page H172–73

Agreed to:

Goodlate amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that revises monetary threshold for identification of major rules to imposition on the economy of costs of \$100 million or more per year, adjusted for inflation, to conform to monetary threshold in related legislation;

Pages H134–35

Messer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that requires each agency promulgating a new rule to identify and repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to completely offset any annual costs of the new rule to the United States economy (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 12); and

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King (IA) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that creates a process for Congress to review all rules currently in effect over a 10 year period (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 21).

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Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to exempt rules that improve the employment, retention, and wages of workforce participants, especially those with significant barriers to employment;

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Grijalva amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to require an accounting of the greenhouse gas emission impacts associated with a rule as well as an analysis of the impacts on low-income and rural communities; if the rule increases carbon dioxide by a certain amount or increases the risk of certain health impacts to low-income or rural communities, then the rule is defined as a major rule (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 13);

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Castor (FL) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to ensure any rule that will result in reduced incidence of cancer, premature mortality, asthma attacks, or respiratory disease in children is not considered a “major rule” under the bill (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 14);

Pages H137–38, H167

Cicilline amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to exempt rules pertaining to the protection of the public health or safety from the requirements of the Act (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 15);

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Conyers amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to exempt rules that provide for reduction in the amount of lead in public drinking water (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 16);

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Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to expand the term “special rule” to include any safety product rule gov-

erning products used or consumed by children under 2 years of age (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 17);

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Nadler amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to exempt from the bill’s congressional approval requirement any rule pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards in order to prevent nuclear meltdowns (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 18);

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McNerney amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to ensure that any rule intended to ensure the safety of natural gas or hazardous materials pipelines or prevent, mitigate, or reduce the impact of spills from such pipelines is not considered a “major rule” under the bill (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 19); and

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Scott (VA) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–1) that sought to exempt from the definition of a “rule” in the REINS Act of 2017 any rule that pertains to workplace health and safety made by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the Mine Safety and Health Administration that is necessary to prevent or reduce the incidence of traumatic injury, cancer or irreversible lung disease (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 20).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, January 6th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, January 9th for Morning Hour debate.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 25, electing a Member to certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H122–23, H123–24, H164, H165–66, H166, H167, H167–68, H168, H168–69, H169–70, H170, H170–71, H171–72, H173, and H173–74. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12:45 p.m., Friday, January 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for a joint session to count the electoral ballots.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, January 6

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate to count the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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