

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

First Session of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Congress convened as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S28*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 11–20, S.J. Res. 1–2, S. Res. 1–5, and S. Con. Res. 1–3. **Pages S21–28**

#### Measures Passed:

**Notification of the President:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. **Page S6**

**Notification of the House of Representatives:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled. **Page S6**

**Fixing the Hour of Daily Meeting:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate. **Page S6**

**Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Page S6**

**Counting of Electoral Votes:** Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S6–7**

**Administration of Oath of Office:** The Senators-elect were administered the oath of office by the Vice President. **Pages S4–5**

**Authority for Select Committee on Ethics:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 115th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate. **Page S7**

**Time for Roll Call Votes:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 115th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any roll call vote, with the

warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when roll call votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes. **Page S7**

**Authority to Receive Reports:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the 115th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate. **Page S7**

**Recognition of Leadership:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority and Minority Leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal. **Page S7**

**Printing of Conference Reports:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed. **Page S7**

**Authority for Appropriations Committee:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 115th Congress to file reports during the adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed. **Page S7**

**Authority for Corrections in Engrossment:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing

that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolutions. **Page S7**

**Authority to Receive Messages and Sign Enrolled Measures:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions. **Page S7**

**Privileges of the Floor:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows. **Page S7**

**Referral of Treaties and Nominations:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that,

for the duration of the 115th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

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**Authority to Introduce Measures:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 115th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk, bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees. **Page S7**

**Measures Held Over/Under Rule:** **Page S20**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Page S22**

**Additional Statements:**

**Quorum Calls:**

One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:02 p.m. and adjourned at 2:09 p.m., until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S28.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 232 public bills, H.R. 5–237; and 37 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1–13; H. Con. Res. 1–3; and H. Res. 1–21, were introduced. **Pages H37–46**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Very Rev. Paul Ugo Arinze, St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Janesville, WI. **Page H1**

**Certificate of Election:** The Clerk announced that Certificates of Election covering 435 seats in the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress had been received and the names of those persons whose credentials

show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States would be called. Without objection, the Representatives-elect were directed to record their presence by electronic device in order to determine whether a quorum was present. **Page H1**

**Call of the States:** On the Call of the States, 434 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1. **Pages H1–2**

**Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates:** The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections of the following: Honorable Jenniffer González-Colón, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia;