

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8659–S8728

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4018–4022, and S. Res. 698–699. **Page S8713**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 5811, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. (S. Rept. No. 111–359)

S. 2782, to provide personal jurisdiction in causes of action against contractors of the United States performing contracts abroad with respect to members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States in connection with contractor activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Ray Daves Airport Traffic Control Tower: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5591, to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Spokane International Airport in Spokane, Washington, as the “Ray Daves Airport Traffic Control Tower”, and the bill was then passed.

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Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 841, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Wyden (for Kerry) Amendment No. 4750, in the nature of a substitute.

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National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports Establishment Act: Senate passed S. 1275, to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness

and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Authorizing Testimony and Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 699, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *City of St. Paul v. Irene Victoria Andrews, Bruce Jerome Berry, John Joseph Braun, David Eugene Luce, and Elizabeth Ann McKenzie*.

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Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act: Senate passed S. 2925, to establish a grant program to benefit victims of sex trafficking, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Wyden Amendment No. 4751, to strengthen the reporting requirement.

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Wyden Amendment No. 4752, to make technical corrections.

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Measures Considered:

Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3992, to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children.

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

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be vitiated.

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James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 847, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve

protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001. **Pages S8668–69**

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

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 269), 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. **Page S8669**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3454, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S8680–83**

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

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 270), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S8683**

House Messages:

Airport and Airway Extension Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8701–08**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4727 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S8701**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 4753 (to the

House amendment to the Senate amendment), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8702**

Reid Amendment No. 4754 (to Amendment No. 4753), to change the enactment date. **Page S8702**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4755, to provide for a study. **Page S8702**

Reid Amendment No. 4756 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4755), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 4757 (to Amendment No. 4756), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8702**

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

By 65 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to the motion to table the Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4729, to provide for a study.

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Reid Amendment No. 4730 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4729), of a perfecting nature, fell when Senate agreed to the motion to table the Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4729, (listed above).

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Reid Amendment No. 4731 (to Amendment No. 4730), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4730 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4729), (listed above) fell. **Page S8701**

Reid Amendment No. 4727 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4727 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), was withdrawn. **Pages S8701, S8702**

Reid Amendment No. 4728 (to Amendment No. 4727), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4727 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment) was withdrawn. **Page S8701**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 9, 2010, a vote on cloture will occur at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2010.

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Appointments:

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 104–191, appointed the following individual to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a four-year term: Dr. Raj Chanderraj of Nevada vice Dr. Richard K. Harding of South Carolina. **Page S8692**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Aaron Paul Dworkin, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014. **Page S8728**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—271) **Pages S8668, S8669, S8683, S8702**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8727.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ramona Emilia Romero, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Casey, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

CREDIT UNIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the credit union industry, after receiving testimony from Deborah Matz, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph A. Smith, Jr., of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hagan and Burr, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, who was introduced by Senator Casey, David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, and Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, all of the Department of State, and Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.