

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8837–S8961

Measures Introduced: No measures were introduced.

Measures Passed:

District Judges Expertise in Patent Cases: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 628, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8946–47**

Durbin (for Leahy/Hatch) Amendment No. 4801, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8946–47**

Federal Acquisition Institute Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2902, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8947–48**

Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8948–60**

Durbin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4802, to improve the bill. **Pages S8953–54**

Kingman and Heritage Islands Act: Senate passed H.R. 6278, to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to expand allowable uses for Kingman and Heritage Islands by the District of Columbia. **Pages S8960–61**

House Message:

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 S8840–47**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8840**

Reid Amendment No. 4754 (to Amendment No. 4753), to change the enactment date. **Page S8840**

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

By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 272), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion 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 Modified Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), (listed above). **Page S8846**

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, fell when cloture was invoked on Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), (listed above). **Pages S8840, S8846**

Reid Amendment No. 4756 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4755), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4755, (listed above) fell. **Page S8840**

Reid Amendment No. 4757 (to Amendment No. 4756), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4756 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4755), (listed above) fell. **Page S8840**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell

Modified Amendment No. 4753 (listed above), at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

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Speakers—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., Senator Bond be recognized for up to 20 minutes, to make his farewell to the Senate speech; that at 3:15 p.m., Senator Harkin be recognized to speak for up to 45 minutes; and that Senator Kirk be recognized at 5 p.m., to make his maiden speech; provided further, that any time utilized be charged under rule XXII.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter Bruce Lyons, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Stephanie O'Sullivan, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

41 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: Pages S8852, S8961

Executive Communications: Pages S8852–53

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S8853–54

Additional Statements: Page S8851

Amendments Submitted: Pages S8854–S8946

Notices of Intent: Pages S8848–50, S8946

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—272) Page S8846

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8961.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6516–6518 were introduced. Page H8291

Additional Cosponsors: Page H8291

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1425, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–679, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baird to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8287

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8288.

Senate Referrals: S. 841 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 2925 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and

Oversight and Government Reform; S. 1275 was held at the desk. Page H8288

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Littoral Combat Ship acquisition in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed