

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3667–3668, and S. Res. 612. **Pages S7702–03**

Measures Passed:

March of Dimes Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 3187, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation. **Page S7706**

Honoring the life of former Senator Arlen Specter: Senate agreed to S. Res. 612, honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Arlen Specter, distinguished former Senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Pages S7706–07**

Transaction Account Guarantee Program—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, be postponed to occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, December 11, 2012; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed, the motion to proceed be agreed to; and the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S7707**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, with the time until 12:30 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees. **Page S7707**

Dowdell and Bernal Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of John E. Dowdell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Jesus G. Bernal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the

Central District of California; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the confirmation of the nomination of John E. Dowdell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and the nomination of Jesus G. Bernal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S7706**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Timothy Hyungrock Haahs, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

Michael Wayne Hail, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017.

Morton H. Halperin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 35 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Arlen Specter, in accordance with S. Res. 612, at 6 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7707.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

CHRISTIANITY IN WESTERN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the state-sanctioned marginalization of Christians in Western Europe, focusing on the origins, methods, and implications of such a movement and its relation to religious freedom rights as they are protected in major international human rights agreements, after receiving testimony from Roger Kiska, Alliance Defending Freedom, Vienna, Austria; Tom Farr, Georgetown University Religious Freedom Project Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Washington, D.C.; and Roger Trigg, Oxford University Kellogg Centre for the Study of Religion in Public Life, Oxford, United Kingdom.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1007)

H.R. 915, to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States. Signed on December 7, 2012. (Public Law 112–205)

H.R. 6063, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses. Signed on December 7, 2012. (Public Law 112–206)

H.R. 6634, to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms. Signed on December 7, 2012. (Public Law 112–207)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) rental housing assistance programs, part II, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, and Albert G. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Select Committee on Intelligence: To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "The Devastating Crisis in Eastern Congo", 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, 5 p.m., H–313, Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 11 through December 14,
2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to