

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 619, electing Senator Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, authorizing the administration of the oath of office of President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8049–S8094

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3684–3688, and S. Res. 619–621. **Page S8071**

Measures Reported:

S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–251)

S. 1223, to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8071**

Measures Passed:

Strengthening Investigations of Sex Offenders and Missing Children Act: Senate passed S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshal Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children. **Pages S8086–87**

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act: Senate passed S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8087**

Reid (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 3341, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8087**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 6223, to amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization. **Pages S8087–88**

Federal Water Pollution Control Act: Senate passed S. 3687, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, to designate certain Federal buildings. **Page S8088**

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act: Senate passed H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8089**

Reid (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 3342, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8089**

Electing the President Pro Tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 619, to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States. **Page S8089**

Authorizing the Administration of the Oath of Office of President Pro Tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, to authorize Harry Reid, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to administer the oath of office

of President of the Senate Pro Tempore to Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

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Condemning the Horrific Attacks in Newtown, Connecticut: Senate agreed to S. Res. 621, condemning the horrific attacks in Newtown, Connecticut, and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by that tragedy. **Pages S8089–90**

Uninterrupted Scholars Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hagan (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3345, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8091**

Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8051–63**

Pending:

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8052**

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3339 (to Amendment No. 3338), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. **Page S8092**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's fiscal year (FY) 2013 Budget and Financial Plan, received during adjournment of the Senate on December 14, 2012; which was referred to the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM–63) **Page S8070**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Fernando M. Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S8063–67, S8094**

Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S8063–67, S8094**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Nicholas Christopher Geale, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2013.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Messages from the House:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Recess: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and recessed at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8092.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.