

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, in accordance with S. Res. 161, until 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

During the Adjournment:

Amendments Submitted:

Pages S3965–68

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2258–2271; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 249 were introduced. **Pages H3215–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3216–17**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1092, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center” (H. Rept. 113–97). **Page H3215**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stewart to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3099**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3105**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Dr. Thomas Elliott, Cannon United Methodist Church, Snellville, Georgia. **Page H3105**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 6th.

Pages H3110–61, H3162–H3214

Agreed to:

Reichert amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the United States Fire Administration by \$1,838,000; **Page H3133**

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Poe (TX) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure, and Technology by \$10,000,000; **Pages H3135–36**

Runyan amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Firefighter Assistance Grants by \$5,000,000; **Page H3137**

Grimm amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Urban Search and Rescue Response System by \$7,667,000; **Pages H3137–38**

Lynch amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2013) that increases funding, by offset, for the Transportation Security Administration for surface transportation security activities by \$15,676,000; **Pages H3138–39**

Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$7,655,000; **Pages H3140–42**

Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Transportation Security Administration for detection equipment at rural airports by \$3,000,000; **Page H3147**

Hudson amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2013) that redirects \$12,500,000 in funding within the Transportation Security Administration aviation security account for the Federal Flight Deck Officer Program; **Pages H3147–49**

Mica amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2013) that increases funding, by offset, for the Screening Partnership Program by \$31,810,000; **Pages H3149–50**

Brownley amendment that redirects \$97,500,000 in funding within the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Port Security Grant Program;

Pages H3157–58

Swalwell amendment that redirects \$97,500,000 in funding within the Federal Emergency Management Agency for mass transit security programs;

Pages H3158–59

Pierluisi amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce section 1301(a) of title 31, United States Code, with respect to the use of amounts made available by this Act for the “Salaries and Expenses” and “Air and Marine Operations” accounts of U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the expenses authorized to be paid in section 9 of the Jones Act and for the collection of duties and taxes authorized to be levied, collected, and paid in Puerto Rico, as authorized in section 4 of the Foraker Act, in addition to the more specific amounts available for such purposes in the Puerto Rico Trust Fund pursuant to such provisions of law;

Pages H3179–80

Grimm amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement any change in the list of sharp objects prohibited under section 1540.111 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, from being carried by passengers as accessible property or on their person through passenger screening checkpoints or into airport sterile areas and the cabins of a passenger aircraft;

Pages H3180–82

Bustos amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with an offeror for the purchase of an American flag if the flag is certified as a foreign end product;

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Grayson en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments: an amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or sub-contract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; an amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the First, Second, or Fourth Amendments to the Constitution; and an amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the purchase, operation, or maintenance of armed unmanned aerial vehicles;

Pages H3191–92

Collins (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 236(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

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Salmon amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996;

Pages H3194–96

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 44917 of title 49, United States Code;

Pages H3197–98

Gingrey amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

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Cassidy amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to implement, carry out, administer, or enforce section 1308(h) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 203);

Pages H3184–90, H3202–03

Meadows amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a new contract for the purpose of purchasing ammunition before the date the report required by section 567(a) is submitted to Congress (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 204);

Pages H3190–91, H3203

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

Pages H3205–06

Meehan amendment that prohibits funds from being used for U.S. Customs and Border Protection preclearance operations at Abu Dhabi International Airport in the United Arab Emirates;

Pages H3206–07

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011;

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Ellison amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of (1) the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution; (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (3) Section 809(c)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; or (4) Section 210401(a) of the Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; and

Pages H3212–13

Barletta amendment that prohibits funds from being used for official reception and representational expenses until the Secretary of Homeland Security complies with section 7208 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act.

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Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Transportation Security Administration for expenses related to providing civil aviation security services and apply the \$4,872,739,000 to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3146–47**

Moore amendment that sought to increase funding for the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties by \$3,346,000 and reduce funding for the U.S. Customs Border Protection Automation Modernization account by \$4,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 194);

Pages H3132–33, H3159

Polis amendment that sought to reduce funding for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Salaries and Expenses account by \$43,592,000; strike funding for the 287(g) program; and increase funding for the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties by \$4,359,200 (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 195); **Pages H3133–35, H3159–60**

Heck (NV) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Urban Area Security Initiative by \$22,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 196);

Pages H3136–37, H3160–61

Garcia amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for U.S. Customs and Border Protection Salaries and Expenses for staffing at airports (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 197); **Pages H3139–40, H3161**

Deutch amendment that sought to strike the provision in the bill requiring that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement maintain a level of not less than 34,000 detention beds through September 30, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 198); **Pages H3142–46, H3162–66**

Murphy (FL) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Program; **Pages H3192–93**

Bishop (NY) amendment that sought to eliminate the National Bio- and Agro-defense facility and apply the \$404,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 80 ayes to 345 noes, Roll No. 199); **Pages H3166–70, H3199–H3200**

Moran amendment that sought to amend section 533 of the bill to apply to detainees transferred to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the Department of Defense, after December 31, 2005 (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 200); **Pages H3170–78, H3200–01**

Garrett amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Transportation Security Administration or a Visible Intermodal Protection and Response team to conduct a security screening other than pursuant to section 44901 of title 49, United

States Code (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 201); **Pages H3178–79, H3201**

Ryan (OH) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to issue visas to individuals for whom Brazil is the beneficiary's place of birth (by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 373 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 202);

Pages H3182–84, H3201–02

Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2013) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Transportation Security Administration for the Behavior Detection Officer program (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 205); and

Pages H3193–94, H3203–04

Runyan amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out the amendments made by section 100207 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 with respect to any property located in the State of New Jersey or the State of New York (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 206). **Pages H3196–97, H3204–05**

Withdrawn:

Mica amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2013) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased, by offset, funding for the Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing by \$23,334,000. **Pages H3150–57**

Point of Order sustained against:

Section 563 of the bill.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Ben Ray Lujan amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for state and local programs within the Federal Emergency Management Agency for wildfire preparedness by \$10,000,000;

Pages H3207–08

King (IA) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the "Morton Memos" described in the amendment; and **Pages H3208–12**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for any activity by Transportation Security Administration Transportation Security Officers outside an airport as defined in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code.

Pages H3213–14

H. Res. 243, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2216) and (H.R. 2217), was agreed to yesterday, June 4th.

Oath of Office—Eighth Congressional District of Missouri: Representative-elect Jason Smith presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Julie A. Allen,

Director of Elections and Information Technology, Missouri Secretary of State's Office, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held June 4, 2013, the Honorable Jason Smith was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighth Congressional District, State of Missouri.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. Smith, the whole number of the House is 435.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3159, H3159–60, H3160–61, H3161, H3162–63, H3200, H3200–01, H3201, H3202, H3202–03, H3203, H3203–04, H3204–05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:32 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2014. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2014. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1960, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014”.

REFORMING SGR: PRIORITIZING QUALITY IN A MODERNIZED PHYSICIAN PAYMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reforming SGR: Prioritizing Quality in a Modernized Physician Payment System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy began a markup on “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of

2013”; the “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013”; the “Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013”; and the “Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013”. The hearing will reconvene on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

EXAMINING THE MARKET POWER AND IMPACT OF PROXY ADVISORY FIRMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Examining the Market Power and Impact of Proxy Advisory Firms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRISIS MISMANAGED: OBAMA’S FAILED SYRIA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “A Crisis Mismanaged: Obama’s Failed Syria Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Relations with Vietnam”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Y. Yun, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Daniel Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 1493, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Thomas W. Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1947, the “Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

OPM’S REVOLVING FUND: A CYCLE OF GOVERNMENT WASTE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “OPM’s Revolving Fund: A Cycle of Government Waste?”. Testimony was heard from Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management; Charles D. Grimes III, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Personnel Management; and a public witness.