

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the joint resolution to Committee on the Budget, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2549, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution. **Page S8873**

Reid Amendment No. 2550 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2549), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2549 fell. **Page S8873**

Reid Amendment No. 2551 (to Amendment No. 2550), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2550 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2549) fell. **Page S8872**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate failed to table the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with Reid Amendment No. 2547, to change the enactment date. **Page S8898**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, post-cloture; and, that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on the motion to concur. **Page S8918**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2020. **Page S8918**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on June 11, 2013, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—280) **Pages S8872, S8898**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8918.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, both of the Department of the Interior, and Marc A. Kastner, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial

Officer, and Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of Environmental Protection Agency, and Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, who was introduced by Senators Brown and Portman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CRISIS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine responding to the humanitarian, security and governance crisis in the Central African Republic, after receiving testimony from Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Linda Thomas Greenfield, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Alexis Arieff, Analyst in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lisabeth List, Doctors Without Borders, New York, New York; and Mark Schneider, International Crisis Group, Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NAVY YARD TRAGEDY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Navy Yard tragedy, focusing on the physical security for Federal facilities, including challenges facing the Federal Protective Service with contract guards and risk assessments at Federal facilities, after receiving testimony from Caitlin Durkovich, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, and Leonard E. Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service, both of the National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen F. Lewis, Deputy Director for Personnel, Industrial and Physical Security Policy, Directorate of Security Policy and Oversight, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Mark L. Goldstein, Direc-

tor, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; Stephen Amitay, National Association of Security Companies, Washington, DC; and David L. Wright, American Federation of Government Employees, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

LIMITING PATENT ABUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting small businesses and promoting innovation by limiting patent troll abuse, including S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, S. 1013, to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits, and S. 1612, to deter abusive patent litigation by targeting the economic incentives that fuel frivolous lawsuits, after receiving testimony from John J. Dwyer, Jr., New England Federal Credit Union, Williston, Vermont; Michael Makin, Printing Industries of America, Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Dana Rao, Adobe Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; Philip S. Johnson, Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Steve Bossone, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Harry A. Wolin, AMD, Austin, Texas; and Q. Todd Dickinson, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Arlington, Virginia.

FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Arbitration Act and access to justice, focusing on if recent Supreme Court decisions undermine the rights of consumers, workers, and small businesses, including S. 878, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration, after receiving testimony from Leslie C. Overton, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Alan S. Carlson, Italian Colors Restaurant, Oakland, California; Myriam Gilles, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York; Vildan A. Teske, Crowder, Teske, Katz and Micko, PLLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Archis A. Parasharami, Mayer Brown LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Peter B. Rutledge, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, and Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.