

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1531–S1596

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2111–2124, and S. Res. 382. **Page S1584**

Measures Reported:

S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine. **Page S1584**

Measures Passed:

Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act: Senate passed S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1595**

Demonstrators in Venezuela: Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy. **Page S1595**

Measures Considered:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 72), Enzi Amendment No. 2812, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, to conduct a review of Federal early learning and care programs and make recommendations for streamlining the various programs. **Pages S1553–55, S1556**

By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 73), Harkin (for Franken) Amendment No. 2822, to reserve not less than 2 percent of the amount appropriated under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of

1990 in each fiscal year for payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. **Pages S1556, S1557**

Burr (for Lee) Modified Amendment No. 2821, to prohibit States from providing the Secretary with reports containing personally identifiable information. **Page S1568**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 74), Harkin (for Landrieu/Mikulski) Amendment No. 2818, to require a statewide child care disaster plan. **Pages S1555–56, S1568–69**

Mikulski (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2813, to allow children in foster care to receive services under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 while their families (including foster families) are taking necessary action to comply with immunization and other health and safety requirements. **Pages S1559–62, S1569**

Mikulski (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2814, to require the State plan to describe how the State will coordinate the services supported to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 with State agencies and programs serving children in foster care and the foster families of such children. **Pages S1559–62, S1569**

Harkin (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2824, to require States that elect to combine funding for early childhood education and care to describe the manner in which they use the combined funding. **Pages S1562–66, S1569**

Scott/Landrieu Amendment No. 2837, to clarify parental rights to use child care certificates. **Pages S1566–68, S1569**

Harkin (for Boxer/Burr) Amendment No. 2809, to amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 to improve the quality of background checks for Federal agencies hiring, or contracting to hire, individuals to provide child care services. **Pages S1562–66, S1569**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2811, to include rural and remote areas as underserved areas identified in the State plan. **Pages S1545–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014. **Page S1596**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-35) **Page S1581**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 67), Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 68), Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 69), Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 70), Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By 60 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2017.

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France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

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James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

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Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—74) **Pages S1537-38, S1556-57, S1569**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1596.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, John A. Zangardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information Operations, and Space, General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commander, Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and