

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6399–S6466

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2990–2992. **Page S6448**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency’s Detention and Interrogation Program”. (S. Rept. No. 113–288) **Page S6447**

Measures Passed:

Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1204, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Rockefeller/Tester) Amendment No. 3977, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6400–01**

Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 3978, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6401**

Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act: Senate passed S. 1474, to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to following amendments proposed thereto:

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Begich Amendment No. 3981, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6416**

Begich Amendment No. 3982, to amend the title. **Page S6416**

Technical Corrections and Improvements: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1067, to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6463**

Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4199, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the “Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6463**

Genocide in Rwanda: Senate agreed to S. Res. 413, recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Schatz (for Coons) Amendment No. 3993, to provide that nothing in the resolution shall be construed as an authorization for the use of force or a declaration of war. **Page S6463**

Schatz (for Coons) Amendment No. 3994, to amend the preamble. **Page S6463**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015: Select Committee on Intelligence was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schatz (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3995, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6463**

Denouncing the Use of Civilians As Human Shields: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 107, denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation

of international humanitarian law, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and a committee amendment to the title.

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House Messages:

Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:

Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3984 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3985 (to Amendment No. 3984), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3986, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3987 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3986), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 3988 (to Amendment No. 3987), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on closure will occur on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 86 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 320), Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of

the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2019.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 318), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 86 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 321), Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2019.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 65 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 319), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

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Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2018.

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Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2018.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—321)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6466.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, David J. Berteau, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Material Readiness, and Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and 3,579 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

INEQUALITY, OPPORTUNITY, AND THE HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine inequality, opportunity, and the housing market, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Wayne T. Meyer, New Jersey Community Capital, New Brunswick; Julia Gordon, Center for American Progress, and Debby Goldberg, National Fair Housing Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mabel Guzman, National Association of Realtors, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security, focusing on if there is a key foundation of economic security working for women, after receiving testimony from Catherine J. Dodd, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, and Sita Nataraj Slavov, George Mason University, both of Washington, D.C.; Janet Barr, American Academy of Actuaries, Chicago, Illinois; and Barbara Perrin, Eugene, Oregon.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), focusing on confronting the growing humanitarian crisis in Iraq and Syria, after receiving testimony from Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Agency for International Development; Iraq Parliament Minister Vian Dakhil, Baghdad; Sarah Margon, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.; and Bishop Francis Kalabat, St. Thomas the Apostle Chaldean Catholic Diocese, Detroit, Michigan.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authorization for the use of military force against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine campus sexual assault, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement, including S. 2692, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and S. 195, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs, after receiving testimony from Senators McCaskill and Gillibrand; Angela Fleischer, Southern Oregon University, Corvallis; Kathy R. Zoner, Cornell University Police, Syracuse, New York; and Peg Langhammer, Day One, Providence, Rhode Island.

THE STATE OF CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE U.S.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the state of civil and human rights in the United States, including H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 2235, to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration, S. 1945, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which