

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2145–S2214

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 734–753, and S. Res. 132–134. **Pages S2187–88**

Measures Passed:

Parkinson's Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 134, supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. **Pages S2213–14**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 55), Landrieu (for Coburn) Amendment No. 281, to save at least \$20 million annually by ending federal unemployment payments to jobless millionaires and billionaires. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was agreed to).

Pages S2156, S2168–71, S2179–80

By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 57), Landrieu (for Coburn/Warner) Amendment No. 273, to save at least \$5 billion by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping government programs. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was agreed to).

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Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency.

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Landrieu (for Coburn) Amendment No. 217, to save at least \$8.5 million annually by eliminating an unnecessary program to provide federal funding for covered bridges.

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Rejected:

By 7 yeas to 93 nays (Vote No. 51), Landrieu (for Baucus) Amendment No. 236, to prohibit the regulation of greenhouse gasses from certain sources. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring

60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

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By 7 yeas to 93 nays (Vote No. 52), Landrieu (for Stabenow/Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 277, to suspend, for 2 years, any Environmental Protection Agency enforcement of greenhouse gas regulations, to exempt American agriculture from greenhouse gas regulations, and to increase the number of companies eligible to participate in the successful Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit Program. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

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By 12 yeas to 88 nays (Vote No. 53), Landrieu (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 215, to suspend, until the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, any Environmental Protection Agency action under the Clean Air Act with respect to carbon dioxide or methane pursuant to certain proceedings, other than with respect to motor vehicle emissions. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

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By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 54), McConnell Amendment No. 183, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60 affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

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By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 56), Landrieu (for Inouye) Amendment No. 286, to provide for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit recommended rescissions in accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 for Government programs and agencies with duplicative and overlapping missions. (Pursuant to the order of April 5, 2011, requiring 60

affirmatives votes for the adoption of the amendment, the amendment was not agreed to).

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Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date.

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Inhofe (for Johanns) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments.

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Pending:

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending.

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Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011.

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Sanders Modified Amendment No. 207, to express the sense of the Senate that Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries should not be cut and that the Social Security program should not be privatized as part of any legislation to reduce the Federal deficit.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits.

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Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns.

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Landrieu (for Cardin) Amendment No. 240, to reinstate the increase in the surety bond guarantee limits for the Small Business Administration.

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Landrieu (for Snowe) Amendment No. 253, to prevent fraud in small business contracting.

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Maiden Speech—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senator Hoeven be recognized at 12 noon, on Thursday, April 7, 2011, for up to 25 minutes to deliver his maiden speech to the Senate.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

D. Brent Hardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Donald W. Koran, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Sharon L. Gleason, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Susan Owens Hickey, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2214**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, which was sent to the Senate on March 14, 2011.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—57)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2214.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Brown (OH), Bennet, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Cochran, Johanns, Boozman, and Grassley.