

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2639–S2700*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 877–887, and S. Res. 162–164. **Pages S2686–87**

#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating the University of Minnesota Duluth Men's Ice Hockey Team:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 151, congratulating the University of Minnesota Duluth men's ice hockey team on winning their first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Hockey National Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2694–95**

*Recognizing the Teachers of the United States:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our Nation. **Page S2695**

#### Measures Considered:

*SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act:* By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 64), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. **Page S2661**

#### Appointments:

*Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Wicker, from the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and Senator Toomey, At Large. **Page S2695**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 66), John J. McConnell, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

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

By 63 yeas to 33 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 65), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2661**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Anthony Frank D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

Anthony Frank D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2014.

Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Dana L. Christensen, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Katherine B. Forrest, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

John M. Gerrard, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Robert N. Scola, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Dennis J. Erby, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Edward M. Spooner, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013.

35 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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

Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2012, which was sent to the Senate on February 17, 2011.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—66) Pages S2661, S2676

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2695.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor.

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION AND U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, Dennis M. McCarthy, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, and Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

### NEW START TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the New START Treaty and plans for future reductions in nuclear warheads and delivery systems post-New START Treaty, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense; William J. Perry, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California; and Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Graduate Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Fairfax, Virginia.