

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3247–S3288

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1051–1058, S. Res. 196–198, and S. Con. Res. 22. **Pages S3274–75**

Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1893, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program. **Page S3263**

National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 197, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, which begins on May 15, 2011. **Pages S3287–88**

Congratulating the Alaska Aces Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, congratulating the Alaska Aces hockey team on winning the 2011 Kelly Cup and becoming the East Coast Hockey League champions for the second time in team history. **Page S3288**

Measures Considered:

Patriot Sunsets Extension Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1038, to extend the expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 until June 1, 2015. **Pages S3247–62, S3263–65**

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

By 74 yeas to 13 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 76), Senate agreed to the motion to table the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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House Messages:

Small Business Additional Temporary Extension Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 990, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3262–63**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 347, of a perfecting nature. **Page S3262**

Reid Amendment No. 348 (to Amendment No. 347), to change the enactment date. **Pages S3262–63**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 349, to change the enactment date. **Page S3263**

Reid Amendment No. 350 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 349), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3263**

Reid Amendment No. 351 (to Amendment No. 350), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3263**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 347 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 26, 2011. **Page S3262**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 347, at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. **Page S3288**

Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—76)	Page S3262

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3288.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Herbert J. Carlisle, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Lieutenant General Terry G. Robling, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, and Rear Admiral David L. Philman, USN, Director, Warfare Integration, all of the Department of Defense.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine air traffic control safety, after receiving testimony from J. Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Paul M. Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, Washington, D.C.; and Gregory Belenky, Washington State University Sleep and Performance Research Center, Spokane.

EXTREMIST GROUPS IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine al Qaeda, the Taliban, and other extremist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Peter Bergen, New America Foundation, and Paul R. Pillar, and C. Christine Fair, both of Georgetown University, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William J. Burns, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

STIMULUS CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine stimulus contractors, focusing on taxes, and to determine the magnitude of known Federal tax debt which is owed by Recovery Act contract and grant recipients, and provide examples of Recovery Act contract and grant recipients who have known unpaid Federal taxes, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG EPIDEMIC

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine responding to the prescription drug epidemic, focusing on strategies for reducing abuse, misuse, diversion, and fraud, after receiving testimony from Senator Brown (OH); R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Laura Hosley, Rhode Island Student Assistance Services (RISAS), Warwick; and John L. Eadie, Brandeis University Heller School for Social Policy and Management Prescription Monitoring Program Center of Excellence, Waltham, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Marina Garcia Marmolejo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Michael Charles Green, to be United