

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3981–S4036

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1244–1261, and S.J. Res. 21. **Pages S4023–24**

Measures Reported:

S. 618, to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–25)

S. 1253, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 112–26)

S. 1254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

S. 1255, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military construction.

S. 1256, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S4023**

Measures Considered:

Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed and agreeing to the committee-reported amendment, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3991–S4019**

Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 501, to repeal the authority to provide certain loans to the International Monetary Fund, the increase in the United States quota to the Fund, and certain other related authorities, and rescind related appropriated amounts. **Page S4008**

DeMint Amendment No. 510, to strike the provision relating to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics. **Page S4008**

DeMint Amendment No. 511, to enhance accountability and transparency among various Executive agencies. **Page S4008**

Vitter Amendment No. 499, to end the appointments of presidential Czars who have not been subject to the advice and consent of the Senate and to prohibit funds for any salaries and expenses for appointed Czars. **Pages S4008–09**

Coburn Amendment No. 500, to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. **Pages S4010–11**

Portman Amendment No. 509, to provide that the provisions relating to the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Army, and the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Air Force, the chief financial officer positions, and the Controller of the Office of Management and Budget shall not take effect. **Pages S4016–18**

Cornyn Amendment No. 504, to strike the provisions relating to the Comptroller of the Army, the Comptroller of the Navy, and the Comptroller of the Air Force. **Pages S4018–19**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, was vitiated. **Page S3991**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no amendment offered to the bill be divisible; provided further, that the Vitter and DeMint amendments be subject to a 60 vote threshold and the Coburn amendment be subject to a two-thirds vote threshold; and that upon the disposition of amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the vote on passage be subject to a 60 vote threshold; and if the bill does not achieve 60 affirmative votes on passage, the bill be returned to the calendar; and that upon disposition of the bill, Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; that only relevant amendments be in order; and that upon disposition of the

amendments to S. Res. 116, Senate vote on adoption of S. Res. 116 as amended, if amended.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached provided for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2011; that Vitter Amendment No. 499 (listed above) and DeMint Amendment No. 510 (listed above) be debated concurrently; that there be up to 30 minutes of debate, with Senators Vitter, DeMint, Reid, or designee, and McConnell, or designee, each controlling 7½ minutes; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Vitter Amendment No. 499 and DeMint Amendment No. 510, in that order; that there be no amendments, motions, or points of order in order to either amendment prior to the votes, other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; and that the provisions of the previous order regarding amendments remain in effect.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority and Republican Leaders, Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; that there be two hours for debate concurrently on the nominations equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Gloria Wilson Shelton, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4035.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2012.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing overpayments and eliminating fraud in the unemployment insurance system, after receiving testimony from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; Kristen Cox, Utah Department of Workforce Services Executive Director, Salt Lake City; Paul Trause, Washington State Employment Security Commissioner, Olympia; and Michael Cullen, On Point Technology, Inc., Oak Brook, Illinois.

SECURING RAIL AND TRANSIT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps for securing rail and transit, after receiving testimony from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Peter Boynton, Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Commissioner, Hartford; and Stephen E. Flynn, Center for National Policy, Washington, D.C.

DIABETES RESEARCH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transforming lives through diabetes research, after receiving testimony from Griffin Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and