

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4535–S4565

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1352–1366, and S. Res. 232–233. **Pages S4554–55**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the NASA Space Shuttle Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, honoring the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Space Shuttle Program on reaching the historic milestone of the 135th and final flight of the Space Transportation System. **Pages S4563–64**

Measures Considered:

Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit: Senate continued consideration of S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 529, to change the enactment date. **Page S4536**

Reid Amendment No. 530 (to Amendment No. 529), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 531, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

Reid Amendment No. 532 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 531) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

Reid Amendment No. 533 (to Amendment No. 532), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4536**

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

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 108), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S4542**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

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

By 89 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 109), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4542**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 14, 2011; provided further, that all time during adjournment, morning business and recess count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4565**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Page S4542**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4565.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration's request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christine H. Fox, Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, and General Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command, all of the Department of Defense.

UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES ON TELEPHONE BILLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why crammers win and consumers lose, after receiving testimony from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Chicago; Elliot Burg, Vermont Attorney General's Office, Montpelier; David Spofford, Xigo, LLC, Manassas, Virginia; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; and Susan Eppley, Decatur, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 538, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment;

S. 899, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria, with an amendment;

S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse;

S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy;

S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee approved a proposed resolution relating to the Corps Study, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

TAX REFORM AND THE TAX TREATMENT OF DEBT AND EQUITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of debt and equity, after receiving testimony from Thomas Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Pamela F. Olson, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Victor Fleischer, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder; Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PREVENTING TERRORIST TRAVEL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Violence Against Women Act," focusing on building on seventeen years of accomplishments, and what national data collection efforts are underway to address some information gaps, after receiving testimony from Eileen R. Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Michael Shaw, Waypoint