

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4567–S4622

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1367–1375. **Page S4608**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4577–S4605**

Pending:

Coburn (for McCain) Amendment No. 553, to eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000, not included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program. **Page S4605**

Johnson (SD)/Kirk Amendment No. 556, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4605**

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

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 110), 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 Johnson (SD) motion to waive the points of order under section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 for the bill, any amendments thereto and motions thereon. **Page S4601**

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 111), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the Johnson (SD) motion to waive the points of order under section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 for the bill, any amendments thereto and motions thereon. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S4601–02**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2011. **Page S4622**

Oetken Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Oetken, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate, 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 nomination. **Page S4622**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—111) **Pages S4601–02**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4622.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GROWING JOBS IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine growing jobs in rural America, after receiving testimony from Bruce Graham, Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Indianapolis; Zac Stewart, Ambient, LLC, Ignacio, Colorado; Paul Bony, ClimateMaster, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Helen Sanders, SAGE Electrochromics, Faribault, Minnesota; Marc Verbruggen, NatureWorks, Wayzata, Minnesota; Oliver P. Peoples, Metabolix, Cambridge, Massachusetts; John McIntosh, Signature Crypton Carpet, Dalton, Georgia; and Dennis Hall, The Ohio State University Bioproducts Innovation Center, Columbus.

LIGHT WATER SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the safety and economics of light water small modular reactors, after receiving testimony from Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; E. James Ferland, Jr., Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania; Christofer M. Mowry, Babcock and Wilcox Nuclear Energy, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; and Paul Lorenzini, NuScale Power, Inc., Corvallis, Oregon.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation, after receiving testimony from Charles H. Romine, Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Chad A.

Mirkin, Northwestern University International Institute for Nanotechnology, Evanston, Illinois, on behalf of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; Diandra L. Leslie-Pelecky, West Virginia University Nano Initiative, Morgantown; Thomas O'Neal, University of Central Florida, Orlando; and George McLendon, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies;

S. 201, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir;

S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, with amendments;

S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado;

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment;

S. 333, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch;

S. 334, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 382, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other permits;

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 512, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 519, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, with amendments;