

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8421–S8467*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1963–1976, S.J. Res. 33, and S. Res. 346. **Pages S8460–61**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1400, to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–100)

S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, with an amendment.

S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs. **Page S8460**

#### Measures Passed:

**Civilian Service Recognition Act:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2061, to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8466**

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 86, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2061. **Page S8466**

**Tariff Act of 1930:** Senate passed S. 1974, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under that Act. **Pages S8466–67**

#### Measures Considered:

**Payroll Tax Relief:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1944, to create jobs by providing payroll tax relief for middle class families and businesses. **Pages S8429–45**

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 224), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, was not agreed to.) **Pages S8444–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S8434**

**Temporary Tax Holiday and Government Reduction Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1931, to provide civilian payroll tax relief, to reduce the Federal budget deficit. **Page S8445**

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

By 22 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 225), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, was not agreed to.) **Page S8445**

#### House Messages:

**Missouri and Illinois Compact:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S.J. Res. 22, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years. **Page S8466**

**Cordray Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S8422–29**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 223), 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 nomination. **Pages S8428–29**

**Eisen Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic. **Page S8454**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 8, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011. **Page S8454**

**Aponte Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. **Page S8454**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 8, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic. **Page S8454**

**Eisen and Aponte Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nominations of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, December 12, 2011, that there be one hour 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 the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that following disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. **Page S8454**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—225) **Pages S8429, S8444–45**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8467.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

### ICANN'S EXPANSION OF TOP LEVEL DOMAINS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)'s expansion of top level domains, after receiving testimony from Fiona M. Alexander, Associate Administrator, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Kurt Pritz, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Marina del Rey, California; Daniel L. Jaffe, Association of National Advertisers (ANA), Washington, D.C.; Angela F. Williams, YMCA of the USA, Chicago, Illinois; and Esther Dyson, New York, New York.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.