

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8469–S8492*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1977–1980. **Pages S8489–90**

**Measures Passed:**

*Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act:* Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1801, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8485–86**

Hutchison Amendment No. 1458, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8485–86**

**Balanced Budget Amendment Joint Resolutions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that pursuant to the Budget Control Act of 2011, at approximately 12 p.m., on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration, and Senate begin consideration of S.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget, and S.J. Res. 24, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to requiring a balanced budget; provided further, that the titles of both joint resolutions be amended as follows so they can comply with the Budget Control Act of 2011: Joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; that there be up to 8 hours of debate on the joint resolutions to run concurrently during Tuesday's session, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that when the Senate continues consideration of the joint resolutions, en bloc, on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, there be up to ten minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees, prior to votes on passage of the joint resolutions in the following order: S.J. Res. 24; and S.J. Res. 10; provided further, that there be two minutes, equally divided, between the votes; and that

there be no amendments, motions or points of order in order to either joint resolution prior to the votes.

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**Aponte Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. **Pages S8476–85**

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

By 49 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 227), 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.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. **Page S8485**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic (Recess Appointment). **Pages S8476–85, S8492**

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

By 70 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 226), 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 nomination.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S8489**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S8489, S8492**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S8492**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—227) **Pages S8484, S8485**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8492.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 3632–3637; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 490, 492 were introduced. **Pages H8727–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8728**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 313, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify that persons who enter into a conspiracy within the United States to possess or traffic illegal controlled substances outside the United States, or engage in conduct within the United States to aid or abet drug trafficking outside the United States, may be criminally prosecuted in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–324 Pt. 1);

H.R. 1264, to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “M.D. Anderson Plaza” and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson (H. Rept. 112–325);

H.R. 2668, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Arizona, as the “Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station” (H. Rept. 112–326);

H.R. 2167, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to change the threshold number of shareholders for required registration under that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–327);

H. Res. 491, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–328); and Conference report on H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–329). **Pages H8356–H8726, H8727**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8323**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8323**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 74 nays with 2 voting “present,” Roll No. 915. **Pages H8341–42**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H8324**

**Late Report:** Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight, December 12th, to file the conference report to accompany H.R. 1540. **Page H8324**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the “Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office,” by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 913; **Pages H8325–26, H8340**

**Wayne Grisham Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 2158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the “Wayne Grisham Post Office,” by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 353 yeas with 1 voting “nay,” Roll No. 914; and **Pages H8327–28, H8340–41**

**Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011:** H.R. 2845, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation and to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline. **Pages H8330–39**