

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2032–2033, S.J. Res. 34, and S. Res. 352. **Page S42**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, January 13, during the adjournment:

S. 114, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–103)

S. 140, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan. (S. Rept. No. 112–104)

S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–105)

S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–106)

S. 302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park. (S. Rept. No. 112–107)

S. 322, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers. (S. Rept. No. 112–108)

S. 323, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware. (S. Rept. No. 112–109)

S. 499, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power

on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. (S. Rept. No. 112–110)

S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–111)

S. 526, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–112)

S. 667, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 112–113)

S. 765, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument. (S. Rept. No. 112–114)

S. 766, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers. (S. Rept. No. 112–115)

S. 779, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program. (S. Rept. No. 112–116)

S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma. (S. Rept. No. 112–117)

S. 883, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution. (S. Rept. No. 112–118)

S. 888, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 112–119)

S. 896, to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries

of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–120)

S. 970, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 112–121)

S. 1047, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 112–122)

S. 1090, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee. (S. Rept. No. 112–123)

Report to accompany S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values. (S. Rept. No. 112–124)

S. 1325, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–125)

S. 1344, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take immediate action to recover ecologically and economically from a catastrophic wildfire in the State of Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–126)

S. 1421, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. (S. Rept. No. 112–127)

S. 1478, to modify the boundary of the Minute-man Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota. (S. Rept. No. 112–128)

H.R. 441, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in non-wilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc.. (S. Rept. No. 112–129)

H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District. (S. Rept. No. 112–130)

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Measures Passed:

SOAR Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3237, to amend the SOAR Act by clarifying the scope of coverage of the Act, and the bill was then passed.

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St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 1468, to modify the offset.

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Providing for a Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 96, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair announced the following appointments made pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of December 17, 2011, by the President pro tempore and the Majority Leader during the adjournment of the Senate:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the Chair on behalf of the President pro tempore announced the reappointment and appointment of the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:

William A. Reinsch of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2013 (reappointment), and Carte P. Goodwin of West Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2013, vice Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia.

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Protect IP Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, be withdrawn.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the debt limit, received during adjournment of the Senate on January 12, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–36)

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 74 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 1), John M. Gerrard, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. **Pages S16–27, S49**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Michael A. Shipp, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

36 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S27**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S48.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3797–3810 and 1 resolution, H. Res. 521 were introduced. **Pages H113–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H115–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1173, to repeal the CLASS program (H. Rept. 112–342 Pt. 2);

H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–373); and

H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–374). **Page H113**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H83**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H85**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H87**

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

Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011: H.R. 3117, amended, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 5 and

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Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act: H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 100 nays, Roll No. 6. **Pages H87–88, H91–92**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H90**

Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the House on matters of decorum. **Pages H90–91**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Capps announced her intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. **Page H92**