

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1099–S1158

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2138–2144, and S. Res. 382–384. **Page S1147**

Measures Passed:

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, designating March 2, 2012, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1143**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 383, designating February 29, 2012, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Pages S1143–44**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1106–42**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1730, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1106–42**

Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1730), to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services. **Pages S1106–42**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1520 (listed above), and that all provisions under the order of Tuesday, February 28, 2012, remain in effect. **Page S1156**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John E. Dowdell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1156.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, and Pam K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.