

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1401–S1432

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2156–2165, and S. Res. 389. **Page S1422**

Measures Passed:

Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1431**

Durbin (for Leahy/Grassley) Amendment No. 1808, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1431**

National Asbestos Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, designating the first week of April 2012 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”. **Pages S1431–32**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1407–10, S1413–17**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1761, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1407**

Reid Amendment No. 1762 (to Amendment No. 1761), to change the enactment date. **Page S1407**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1763, to change the enactment date. **Page S1407**

Reid Amendment No. 1764 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1763), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1407**

Reid Amendment No. 1765 (to Amendment No. 1764), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1407**

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 25), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 1761 (listed above). **Page S1410**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Reid Amendment No. 1761 (listed above). **Page S1410**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S1410**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. **Page S1432**

Senate Briefing—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate recess from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, to allow for a Senators only briefing. **Page S1432**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 26), Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Pages S1410–13, S1432**

By 93 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 27), Thomas Owen Rice, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Pages S1410–13, S1432**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—27) **Pages S1410, S1413**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

JOB GROWTH AND CAPITAL FORMATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, including S. 1965, to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, S. 1933, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, S. 1824, to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration under that Act, S. 1544, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act, and S. 1970, to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, after receiving testimony from Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, Mountain View, California; William D. Waddill, OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Redwood City, California, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; Jay R. Ritter, University of Florida Warrington College of Business Administration, Gainesville; Kathleen Shelton Smith, Renaissance Capital, LLC, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Timothy Rowe, Cambridge Innovation Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Center for a New American Security, Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, and James Jay Carafano, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine keeping America competitive through investments in research and development, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Mason Peck, Chief Technologist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Susan Spear, Acting Director of Budget, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

TAX REFORM OPTIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for capital investment and manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Ike Brannon, American Action Forum, Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and J. D. Foster, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michelle Hanlon, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for international development priorities, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.