

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1685–S1762*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2192–2202, and S. Res. 397–398. **Pages S1733–34**

#### Measures Passed:

**HALE Scouts Act:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1760**

**United States Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 886, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1760–61**

Reid (for Boozman/Pryor) Amendment No. 1847, to improve the bill. **Page S1761**

**191st Anniversary of the Independence of Greece:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, recognizing the 191st anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy. **Page S1761**

#### Measures Considered:

**Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1693–96, S1714–29**

#### Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1693**

Reid Amendment No. 1834 (to Amendment No. 1833), to change the enactment date. **Page S1693**

Reid Amendment No. 1835 (to Amendment No. 1834), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1693**

Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833), to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Pages S1693–94**

Reid Amendment No. 1837 (to Amendment No. 1836), to change the enactment date. **Page S1694**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1838, to change the enactment date. **Page S1694**

Reid Amendment No. 1839 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1838), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1694**

Reid Amendment No. 1840 (to Amendment No. 1839), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1694**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. **Page S1693**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833. **Page S1694**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833). **Page S1694**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments

to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833 and the bill be at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 49), Gina Marie Groh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. **Pages S1711–14, S1762**

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 50), Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S1711–14, S1762**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S1685, S1733**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S1733**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S1734**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1731–32**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1741–60**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S1760**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1760**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1760**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S1713–14**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:33 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1761.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMMODITIES

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill, after receiving testimony from Michael Scuse, Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Hope Hills, Spicebush Creek Farms, Bangor, Michigan; Bob Carden, Carden and Associates, Winter Haven, Florida; Steve Rutledge, Approved Insurance Providers, West Des Moines, Iowa; Steve Wellman, American Soybean Association, Syracuse, Nebraska; Pam Johnson, National Corn Growers Association, Floyd, Iowa; Erik Younggren, National Association of Wheat Growers, Hallock, Minnesota; Jimbo Grissom, Western Peanut Growers Association, Seminole, Texas; Travis

Henry Satterfield, U.S. Rice Producers Association, Benoit, Mississippi; Chuck Coley, National Cotton Council, Vienna, Georgia; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, and Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Ryan W. Best, National FFA Organization, Portales, New Mexico; and Jarvis Garetson, Copeland, Kansas.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge, Office of Management, and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office;