

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1817–S1872*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2206–2214, and S. Res. 400. **Pages S1847–48**

#### Measures Considered:

*Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act—Agreement:* Senate continued 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 S1824–31, S1832–39, S1840–42**

#### Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1824**

Reid Amendment No. 1834 (to Amendment No. 1833), to change the enactment date. **Page S1824**

Reid Amendment No. 1835 (to Amendment No. 1834), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1824**

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 S1824, S1837–39**

Reid Amendment No. 1837 (to Amendment No. 1836), to change the enactment date. **Page S1824**

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 S1824**

Reid Amendment No. 1839 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1838), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1824**

Reid Amendment No. 1840 (to Amendment No. 1839), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1824**

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

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 51), 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 (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833. **Pages S1840–41**

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 52), 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 (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833). **Pages S1841–42**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. **Page S1872**

#### House Messages:

*Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act—Agreement:* Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1839–40**

#### Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S1839**

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 1940, to change the enactment date. **Page S1839**

Reid Amendment No. 1941 (to Amendment No. 1940), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1839**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1942, to change the enactment date. **Pages S1839–40**

Reid Amendment No. 1943 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1942), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1840**

Reid Amendment No. 1944 (to Amendment No. 1943), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1840**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, March 22, 2012. **Page S1839**

**Honoring Senator Mikulski—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached proving that the time from 2:30 p.m. until 3 p.m., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, be as if in morning business to acknowledge the milestone reached by Senator Mikulski as the longest serving woman in Congress. **Page S1872**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1846**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S1840–42**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1872.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force, and General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, both of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine cybersecurity research and development in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Zachary J. Lemnios, Assistant Secretary for Research

and Engineering, and Kaigham J. Gabriel, Acting Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, both of the Department of Defense; Michael Wertheimer, Director of Research, National Security Agency; and James Peery, Director, Information Systems and Analysis Center, Sandia National Laboratories.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2013, who was introduced by Senator Coats, and Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, and Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine commercial airline safety, after receiving testimony from Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; William R. Voss, Flight Safety Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia; Gregory Belenky, Washington State University Sleep and Performance Research Center, Spokane; and Carl Kuwitzky, Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations, and Thomas L. Hendricks, Airlines for America, both of Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, Marcilynn A. Burke, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Hoeven, and John Robert Norris, of Iowa, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.