

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1873–S1953

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2215–2222, S.J. Res. 38, and S. Res. 401–403. **Page S1932**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing testimony, document production, and legal representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 403, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *United States v. Richard F. “Dickie” Scruggs*. **Pages S1944–45**

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 S1884–S1919**

Pending:

Reid (for Merkley) Amendment No. 1884, to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities. **Pages S1884, S1886–96**

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1884), to improve the bill. **Pages S1884–86**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 53), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1884**

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, fell when cloture was invoked on the bill. **Page S1884**

Reid Amendment No. 1839 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1838), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1838, fell. **Page S1884**

Reid Amendment No. 1840 (to Amendment No. 1839), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 1839 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1838), fell. **Page S1884**

Chair sustained a point of order that 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, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S1884**

Reid Amendment No. 1837 (to Amendment No. 1836), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1836 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1833), fell. **Page S1884**

Chair sustained a point of order that Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, in the nature of a substitute, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S1884**

Reid Amendment No. 1834 (to Amendment No. 1833), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1833, fell. **Page S1884**

Reid Amendment No. 1835 (to Amendment No. 1834), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 1834 (to Amendment No. 1833), fell. **Page S1884**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 22, 2012, that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12:30 p.m., the post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on or in relation to the following: Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1884), Reid (for Merkley) Amendment No. 1884, as amended, if amended, and passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that there be two minutes equally divided in the usual form in-between the votes. **Page S1919**

Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached provided that upon disposition of H.R.

3606, Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act, Senate resume consideration of the House Message to accompany S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act; that there be four minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House Message to accompany S. 2038; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to concur; that all post-cloture time be yielded back; the motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn; and the motion to concur be agreed to; that all after the first vote be ten minute votes; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid motion to concur with respect to S. 2038, be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 22, 2012. **Page S1945**

Bill Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, be discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S1945**

Senator Mikulski Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of materials from the *Congressional Record* in tribute to Senator Barbara Mikulski, and that Members have until Thursday, March 29, 2012, to submit such tributes. **Page S1945**

Nuffer, Abrams, and Contreras Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the House Message to accompany S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act, Senate resume consideration of the following nominations: David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations of David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1944**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rainey Ransom Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

John S. Leonardo, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—53) **Page S1884**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1945.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. AIR TRAVEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine balancing prosperity and security, focusing on challenges for United States air travel in a 21st century global economy, after receiving testimony from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Thomas Winkowski, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Doug Smith, Assistant Secretary for Private Sector, all of the Department of Homeland Security; David T. Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, Thomas L. Hendricks, Airlines of America, and Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants—CWA, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles M. Barclay,