

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2242–2249, and S. Res. 408–410. **Page S2166**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. **Page S2166**

#### Measures Passed:

**Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 408, supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day. **Page S2184**

**Financial Literacy Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 409, designating April 2012 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Pages S2184–85**

#### Measures Considered:

**Paying a Fair Share Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2230, to reduce the deficit by

imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers. **Pages S2117–49**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 29, 2012, with the time until 11:30 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders of their designees with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the second 30 minutes.

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**Oil Tax Subsidies Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to S. 2204, to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and promote renewable energy and energy conservation, be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 29, 2012, and that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. **Page S2185**

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

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 61), Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Pages S2149–54, S2185**

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 62), Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Pages S2149–54, S2185**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

Laurie I. Mikva, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2013.

Martha L. Minow, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—62) Pages S2153–54

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2185.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, Acting Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and Harold E. Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense health programs, after receiving

testimony from Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General of the United States Army, and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, Major General Jimmie O. Keenan, Chief, United States Army Nurse Corps, Rear Admiral Elizabeth S. Niemyer, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development Nursing Services, all of the Department of Defense.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

*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 the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, Major General James A. Kessler, Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, and Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Rear Admiral David M. Boone, USN, Director, Shore Readiness Division, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Major General William H. Etter, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, and Major General James Jackson, Deputy Chief, Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013