

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One hundred ninety-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2839–3031, S. Res. 447, and S. Con. Res. 44.

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Measures Passed:

Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Brian A. Terry Memorial Act: Senate passed H.R. 2668, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Arizona, as the “Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station”.

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National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 13th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 6 through May 12, 2012.

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Measures Considered:

Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 89), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Sen-

ate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Maria Lopez De Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Emil J. Kang, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2017.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

25 Army nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—89)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2986.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the Defense Clandestine Service in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program from Michael G. Vickers, Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral David J. Venlet, USN, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Program, Lieutenant General Janet C. Wolfenbarger, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and Vice Admiral W. Mark Skinner, Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

IMPROVING THE HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding refinancing opportunities to improve the housing market, including S. 2162, to provide for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed-upon properties and for the stabilization of affected neighborhoods, an original bill entitled, “The Responsible Homeowner Refinancing Act of 2012”, an original bill entitled, “Expanding Refinancing Opportunities Act of 2012”, and S. 2909, to require closing costs to be paid by the enterprises with respect to certain refinanced mortgage loans, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark J. Mazur, of New Jersey, and Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Meredith M. Broadbent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, who was introduced by Senator Portman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 108 public bills, H.R. 5542–5649, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013 (H. Rept. 112–465);

H.R. 2764, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland se-

curity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–466);

H.R. 3140, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems (H. Rept. 112–467); and

H.R. 2179, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–468).

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