

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2989–S3050

Measures Introduced: Forty-four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3032–3075, and S. Res. 448–452. **Pages S3041–42**

Measures Passed:

Syria: Senate passed S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3048–49**

Reid (for Corker/Webb) Amendment No. 2098, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3048–49**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 105, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha. **Page S3049**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 106, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S3049**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 117, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S3049**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 118, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S3049**

National MPS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 450, designating May 15, 2012, as "National MPS Awareness Day". **Pages S3049–50**

National Travel and Tourism Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States of America. **Pages S3049–50**

Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, designating July 13, 2012, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the col-

lection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States. **Pages S3049–50**

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. **Pages S2989–S3035**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Page S3040**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3050.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AND U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Central Command and Africa Command Programs from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and General Carter F. Ham, USA, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine expanding broadband access, promoting innovation, and protecting consumers in a communications revolution, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on the need for long-term reauthorization and reform, including S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, S. 1958, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until May 31, 2012, and S. 2344, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 31, 2012, after receiving testimony from Todd S. Klietz, Association of Montana Floodplain Managers, Missoula; Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District, Raceland, Louisiana; David A. Sampson, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Jon Jensen, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Moe Veissi, National Association of Realtors, Miami, Florida; and Sarah Murdock, Nature Conservancy, Scituate, Massachusetts.

LIMITING FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine limiting Federal support for financial institutions, including S. 3048, to provide for a safe, accountable, fair, and efficient banking system, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Anthony J. Carfang, Treasury Strategies, Inc., both of New York, New York; Thomas M. Hoenig, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Marc Jarsulic, Better Markets, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Randall S. Kroszner, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and James Roselle, Northern Trust Corporation, both of Chicago, Illinois; and T. C. Frost, San Antonio, Texas.

PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on perspectives from the Administration and the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Commissioner, both of the Federal Trade Commission; and Cameron F. Kerry, General Counsel, Department of Commerce.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HUMAN RESOURCE WORKFORCE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine building and maintaining an effective human resource workforce in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; John U. Sepulveda, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration; Anita Blair, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Human Resources and Chief Human Capital Officer; and John Palguta, Partnership for Public Service, and Sara Thompson, Catholic University of America Metropolitan School of Professional Studies, both of Washington, D.C.