

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3181–S3242

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3188–3195, and S. Res. 462–465. **Page S3234**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the “Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the “Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office”.

H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office”.

Measures Passed:

National Kids to Parks Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 463, designating May 19, 2012, as “National Kids to Parks Day”. **Page S3241**

70th Anniversary of Ellsworth Air Force Base: Senate agreed to S. Res. 464, commemorating the 70th anniversary of Ellsworth Air Force Base. **Page S3241**

Year of Water: Senate agreed to S. Res. 465, recognizing that the Governor of the State of Colorado has proclaimed 2012 as the “Year of Water”. **Page S3241**

Measures Considered:

Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act: Senate began 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 S3181–82, S3222–26**

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 41, setting forth the President’s budget request for the United States Government for fiscal year

2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022. **Pages S3183–3220**

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

By a unanimous vote of 99 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S3220**

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H. Con. Res. 112, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022. **Pages S3220–21**

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

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Pages S3220–21**

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 37, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022. **Page S3221**

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

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S3221**

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 42, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2012, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2022. **Pages S3221–22**

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

By 16 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 100), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Pages S3221–22**

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022. **Page S3222**

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

By 17 yeas to 82 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S3222**

Cook County Airport Land—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. **Page S3241**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to blocking the property of persons threatening the peace, security, or stability of Yemen; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-48) **Page S3233**

Stein and Powell Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 17, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the nominations of Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; that there be 90 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form to run concurrently, on both nominations, en bloc; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that the nominations be subject to a 60 vote threshold; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; provided further, that the cloture votes with respect to the nominations be withdrawn. **Page S3239**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S3220, S3220–21, S3221, S3222**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3242.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, and Barbara J. Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND AND U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Northern Command and Southern Command Programs from General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA, Commander United States Northern Command, and General Douglas M. Fraser, USAF, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, and Robert M. McDowell, Mignon L. Clyburn, Jessica Rosenworcel, and Ajit Pai, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.