

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motions be in order to the nominations; provided further, that the cloture votes with respect to the nominations be withdrawn.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.

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility concluded a hearing to examine growing long-term value, focusing on corporate environmental responsibility and innovation, after receiving testimony from Todd Brady, Intel Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Len Sauers, The Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; Parker J. Smith, Eastman Chemical Company, Memphis, Tennessee; and D. Mitchell Jackson, FedEx Corporation, Kingsport, Tennessee.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Piper Anne Wind Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, who was introduced by Representative Hochul, and Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1910, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1515, to permit certain members of the United States Secret Service and certain members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division who were appointed in 1984, 1985, or 1986 to elect to be covered under the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System in the same manner as members appointed prior to 1984, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2218, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration;

S. 1100, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit inserting politics into the Federal acquisition process by prohibiting the submission of political contribution information as a condition of receiving a Federal contract, with an amendment;

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"; and

The nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine identifying opportunities for health care delivery system reform, focusing on lessons from the front line, after receiving testimony from G. Al Kurose, Coastal Medical, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island; Marcia Guida James, Humana Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; and James C. Capretta, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

DRUG THREATS IN WEST AFRICA

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine drug threats in West Africa, focusing on drug trafficking and United States efforts to counter emerging narcotics-related threats, after receiving testimony from Thomas Harrigan, Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, both of the Department of State; and William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats.