

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S3295–S3388**

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3207–3211, and S. Res. 468–469. **Page S3329**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Inquiry into Counterfeit Electronic Parts in the Department of Defense Supply Chain”. (S. Rept. No. 112–167) **Page S3329**

#### Measures Passed:

**Iran Threat Reduction Act:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1905, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3316–22**

Reid (for Johnson (SD)/Shelby) Amendment No. 2124 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 2123), to improve the bill. **Page S3317**

Reid (for Johnson (SD)/Shelby) Amendment No. 2123, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3317**

**National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May as “National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month”. **Page S3385**

**National Small Business Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, which begins on May 20, 2012. **Pages S3386–88**

#### Measures Considered:

**FDA User Fee—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3187, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices, to establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars. **Pages S3295–S3307**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be withdrawn; that at 2:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012, the motion to proceed be agreed to; that a Harkin-Enzi substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; and the bill, as amended, by the Harkin-Enzi substitute be considered original text for the purposes of further amendment; and that the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S3316**

#### Appointments:

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Michael Schmid of Wyoming, Cheryl D. Maddox of Kentucky, and Charmaine Yoest of Virginia. **Page S3388**

**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 13303 of May 22, 2003, received during adjournment of the Senate on May 18, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–50) **Pages S3326–27**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 61 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S3307–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Page S3296**

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

Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Joseph Byrne Donovan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

Bruce R. Sievers, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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| <b>Record Votes:</b> One record vote was taken today.<br>(Total—104) | <b>Page S3316</b>     |

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3388.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES 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 national security, focusing on foreign language capabilities in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from Eduardo Ochoa, Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education; Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, Department of State; Laura J. Junor, Assistant Secretary for Readiness, Glenn Nordin, Principal Foreign Language and Area Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Major Gregory Mitchell, G-3/5/7 Training Directorate, United States Army, all of the Department of Defense; Tracey North, Deputy Assistant Director, Intelligence Operations Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Andrew Lawless, Dig-IT Globalization Consulting, Andover, Massachusetts; Allan E. Goodman, Institute of International Education, and Dan E. Davidson, American Councils for International Education, both of Washington, D.C.; and Paula Patrick, Fairfax County Public Schools, Shauna Kaplan, Michelle Dressner, and Jeffrey Wood, all of Fairfax, Virginia.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 in pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies and Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the