

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5325, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3739–S3801*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3266–3270, S. Res. 482–485, and S. Con. Res. 46–47. **Pages S3781–82**

#### Measures Passed:

*National Hunger Awareness Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 484, designating June 7, 2012, as “National Hunger Awareness Day”. **Pages S3798–99**

*Authorizing Legal Counsel:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 485, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Common Cause, et al. v. Joseph R. Biden, et al.* **Page S3799**

#### Measures Considered:

*Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act—Agreement:* Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017. **Pages S3739–68, S3773–76**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, the next hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees with the Republicans controlling the first half and the Majority controlling the final half. **Page S3799**

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

By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 116), Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S3779–80**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3780**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3777–79**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3786–97**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3797–98**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—116) **Page S3773**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3799.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2013.

#### IMPLEMENTING WALL STREET REFORM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing Wall Street reform, focusing on enhancing bank supervision and reducing systemic risk, after receiving testimony from Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Martin J. Gruenberg,

Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

### EUROPEAN UNION EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the European Union Emissions Trading System, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Jos Delbeke, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium; and Sean Cassidy, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Annie Petsonk, Environmental Defense Fund, and Nancy N. Young, Airlines for America, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, and Susan Marsh Elliott, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FEDERAL PROSECUTORS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring that Federal prosecutors meet discovery obligations, including S. 2197, to require the attorney for the Government to disclose favorable information to the defendant in criminal

prosecutions brought by the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Carol A. Brook, Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago; and Stephanos Bibas, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senator Levin, Jesus G. Bernal, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Grande Lum, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Blumenthal, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### PENSIONS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pensions, focusing on preventing fraud and protecting America's veterans, after receiving testimony from Senator Burr; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; David R. McLenachen, Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lori Perkio, American Legion, Washington, D.C.; Emily Schwarz, Veterans Financial, Inc., Villanova, Pennsylvania; and Kris Schaffer, Billings, Montana.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 5900–5904, were introduced. **Page H3577**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3577–78**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 679, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 436) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5882) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30,

2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–518) and

H.R. 4471, to require analyses of the cumulative impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency that impact gasoline, diesel fuel, and natural gas prices, jobs, and the economy, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–519).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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