

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5051–S5092

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3389–3395. **Pages S5084–85**

Measures Reported:

S. 1201, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 112–187)

S. 1324, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species. (S. Rept. No. 112–188) **Page S5084**

Measures Passed:

HEARTH Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5057**

Yellow Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing Bonding: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 483, commending efforts to promote and enhance public safety on the need for yellow corrugated stainless steel tubing bonding, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5090**

Measures Considered:

DISCLOSE Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3369, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities. **Pages S5051–72**

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

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 180), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5072**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5072**

Bring Jobs Home Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3364, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America. **Pages S5072–82**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 19, 2012. **Page S5072**

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 continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–56) **Page S5084**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bidtah N. Becker, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2018.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—180) Page S5072

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5090.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, focusing on two years later, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission; Robert Pickel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Thomas J. Erickson, Bunge North America, Inc., on behalf of the Commodity Markets Council, and Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., all of Washington, DC; and Larry Thompson, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, New York, New York.

FLAMMABILITY OF UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine if consumers are adequately protected from flammability of upholstered furniture, focusing on the effectiveness of furniture flammability standards and flame retardant chemicals, after receiving testimony from Inez M. Tenenbaum, Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; James J. Jones, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; August Schaefer,

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., Northbrook, Illinois; Andy Counts, American Home Furnishings Alliance, High Point, North Carolina; and Peter Van Dorpe, Chicago Fire Department District Chief, Chicago, Illinois.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ELECTRIC GRID CYBER ATTACKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of action taken to ensure that the electric grid is protected from cyber attacks, after receiving testimony from Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gerry Cauley, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; and Todd A. Snitchler, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Columbus.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next ten years in the fight against human trafficking, focusing on attacking the problem with the right tools, after receiving testimony from Jada Pinkett Smith, Don't Sell Bodies, Los Angeles, California; and David S. Abramowitz, Humanity United, and Holly J. Burkhalter, International Justice Mission, both of Washington, DC.

MONEY LAUNDERING, DRUGS, AND TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine United States vulnerabilities to money laundering, drugs, and terrorist financing, focusing on HSBC case history, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, and Grace E. Dailey, former Deputy Comptroller for Large Banks Supervision, all of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, all of Department of the Treasury; Leigh H. Winchell, Assistant Director for Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; David Bagley, and Stuart Levey, both of London, England, and Paul Thurston, of Hong