

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5265–S5319*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3424–3429, S. Res. 525–528, and S. Con. Res. 53. **Page S5304**

#### Measures Passed:

**Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2090, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to extend the period of time provided to the Indian Law and Order Commission to produce a required report, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5317–18**

**National Airborne Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, designating August 16, 2012, as “National Airborne Day”. **Page S5318**

**100th Anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 528, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the preeminent organization representing podiatric medicine and surgery, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the association to continue providing guidance on foot and ankle health issues to the people of the United States and of the world. **Pages S5318–19**

#### Measures Considered:

**Middle Class Tax Cut Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3412, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families. **Pages S5265–98**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5319**

#### Appointments:

**Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, appointed the following individual as a member of the Public Safe-

ty Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Rick Clemons of Kentucky, vice Charles Massarone.

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**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 13441 with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–59) **Page S5302**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S5302–03**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5303**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S5265, S5303**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Page S5303**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5303–04**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5304–05**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5305–09**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5301–02**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5309–17**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5317**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5317**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5319.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing partnerships in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Cheryl A. Causley, National American

Indian Housing Council, Brimley, Michigan; and David Bland, Travois, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

### PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers, after receiving testimony from Rohit Chopra, Student Loan Ombudsman, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Deanne Loonin, National Consumer Law Center Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project, Boston, Massachusetts; Jennifer Mishory, Young Invincibles, Washington, D.C.; and Jack Remondi, Sallie Mae, Newark, Delaware.

### CABLE ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Cable Act at 20, after receiving testimony from former Senator Gordon H. Smith, National Association of Broadcasters, and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Melinda Witmer, Time Warner Cable, and Martin D. Franks, CBS Corporation, both of New York, New York; Colleen Abdoulah, WOW! Internet, Cable, and Phone, Englewood, Colorado; and Preston Padden, University of Colorado School of Law Silicon Flatirons Center, Boulder.

### NATURAL GAS AS A FUEL FOR TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation, after receiving testimony from David L. Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Dave McCurdy, American Gas Association, and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael Gallagher, Westport Innovations, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and Reg Modlin, Chrysler Group LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

### EPA AND TOXIC CHEMICALS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee, with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health concluded an oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals, including S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, after receiving testimony from James J. Jones,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; former Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives Hannah Pingree, North Haven; Heather M. Stapleton, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment, Durham, North Carolina; Marshall Moore, Great Lakes Solutions, A Chemtura Business, West Lafayette, Indiana; William K. Rawson, Latham and Watkins, Washington, D.C.; and Tony Stefani, San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation, Danville, California.

### SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on an intelligence update on Syria from officials of the intelligence community.

### STUDENT VISA SYSTEM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the student visa system, focusing on United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement's oversight of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program, including ensuring that foreign students studying in the United States comply with the terms of their admission into the country, after receiving testimony from John P. Woods, Assistant Director, National Security Investigations, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

### CITIZENS UNITED AND SUPER PACS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs, including 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, after receiving testimony from Senators Baucus, Sanders, and Udall (NM); Representative Edwards; former Representative and Louisiana Governor Charles Roemer, Baton Rouge; Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013".