

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6241–S6287*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3530–3536, and S. Res. 551–553. **Pages S6270–71**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. (S. Rept. No. 112–210) **Page S6270**

**Measures Passed:**

**Frederick Douglass Statue:** Senate passed H.R. 6336, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol. **Pages S6284–85**

**Deaths of Americans at U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 551, commending the 4 American public servants who died in Benghazi, Libya, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the American people and condemning the violent attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi. **Pages S6285–S86**

**National Principals Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 552, recognizing the month of October 2012 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S6286**

**National Falls Prevention Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 553, designating September 22, 2012, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Page S6287**

**Measures Considered:**

**Veterans Jobs Corps Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6243–60**

Pending:

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2809 (to Amendment No. 2808), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2810 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2811 (to Amendment No. 2810), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6259**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2812, to change the enactment date. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2813 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2812), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2814 (to Amendment No. 2813), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6259–60**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 14, 2012. **Page S6260**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789. **Page S6260**

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

By 84 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6259**

**Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3521, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Pages S6260–61**

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<b>Record Votes:</b> One record vote was taken today. (Total—192)	<b>Page S6259</b>

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6287.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### LOW-EARTH ORBIT TO MARS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the path from low-Earth orbit to Mars, after receiving testimony from Fuk Li, Director, Mars Exploration Directorate, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and John Grunsfeld, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Charles F. Kennel, Chair, National Research Council Space Studies Board, Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences, The National Academies, and University of California San Diego Scripps Institute of Oceanography; John Grotzinger, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; Steven W. Squyres, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and Jim Maser, Pratt and Whitney Rocketdyne, Los Angeles, California.

### NUCLEAR WASTE ADMINISTRATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, after receiving testimony from General Brent Scowcroft, Co-Chairman, and Richard A. Meserve, Commissioner, both of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future; Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; Henry B. Barron, Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, LLC, Baltimore, Maryland; and Geoffrey H. Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC.

### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's im-

plementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### UPDATE ON SYRIA AND IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran from national security briefers.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, and Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, both of the General Services Administration.

### CITIZENS UNITED

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the *Citizens United* court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act", after receiving testimony from Senator Tester; Anthony Johnstone, University of Montana School of Law, Missoula; and Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, and Elisabeth MacNamara, League of Women Voters of the United States, both of Washington, DC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3340, to improve and enhance the programs and activities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding suicide