

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6393–S6473

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3553–3577, and S. Res. 559–570. **Pages S6453–55**

Measures Reported:

S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps. (S. Rept. No. 112–212)

S. 76, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children. (S. Rept. No. 112–213)

S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–214)

S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–215)

S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–216)

S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017. (S. Rept. No. 112–217)

S. 134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights. (S. Rept. No. 112–218)

S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–219)

S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review. (S. Rept. No. 112–220)

S. Res. 466, calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia

Tymoshenko, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 516, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras.

S. Res. 543, to express the sense of the Senate on international parental child abduction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1440, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3391, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification.

S. 3566, to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.

S. 3568, to create a Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund to support research on diseases impacting the citrus industry, to renew and modify the temporary duty suspensions on certain cotton shirting fabrics, and to modify and extend the Wool Apparel Manufacturers Trust Fund.

S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multi-stakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived. **Page S6451**

Measures Passed:

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 562, designating the week beginning on September 10, 2012 and ending on September 14, 2012 as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in improving health quality. **Pages S6469–70**

National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 563, designating December 3, 2012, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Page S6470**

National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 564, designating the month of October 2012 as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month”. **Page S6470**

National Day on Writing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 565, expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2012, as the “National Day on Writing”. **Pages S6470–71**

National Estuaries Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 566, designating September 29, 2012, as “National Estuaries Day”. **Page S6471**

Honoring the Life of George Hickman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 567, honoring the life and career of George Hickman. **Page S6471**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, designating the week beginning September 16, 2012, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S6471**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, designating the week beginning October 21, 2012, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S6471–72**

National Parents as Teachers Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 570, designating November 8, 2012, as “National Parents as Teachers Day”. **Page S6472**

Honoring the Contributions of Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 557, honoring the contributions of Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari as Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and in promoting the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Tibetan people, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6472–73**

Measures Considered:

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. **Page S6393**

Subsequently, Senator Reid withdrew the motion to proceed. **Page S6393**

Veterans Jobs Corps Act: Senate resumed 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 S6395–S6405**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2810 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2811 (to Amendment No. 2810), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6395**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2812, to change the enactment date. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2813 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2812), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2814 (to Amendment No. 2813), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6395**

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

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the applicable sections of that Act with respect to consideration of Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation pursuant to Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6396–S6404**

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, in the nature of a substitute, fell when the point of order was sustained against the amendment. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 fell. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2809 (to Amendment No. 2808), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2789) fell. **Page S6395**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 was withdrawn. **Page S6405**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S6405**

Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S6405**

Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013. **Pages S6405–22**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 13, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2012. **Page S6405**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 194), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S6405**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, September 20, 2012, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, be considered expired, and Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and that following the vote, the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S6473**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Eldridge, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

George E. Moose, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Sylvia M. Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2013.

Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Bibiana Boerio, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Beth J. Rosenberg, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Cheryl Saban, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Jennifer A. Dorsey, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Andrew Patrick Gordon, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Michael J. McShane, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General.

Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S6473**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—194) **Pages S6404–05, S6405**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6473.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 7,276 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine five years of the "America COMPETES Act", focusing on progress, challenges, and next steps, after receiving testimony from Carl Wieman, University of Colorado Boulder, and Norman R. Augustine, both of Bethesda, Maryland; Jeffrey L. Furman, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Peter Lee, Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington; and John L. Winn, National Math and Science Initiative, Dallas, Texas.

WATER AND POWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 3265, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation, H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydro-power development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 3464, to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of