

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

1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and S. 3483, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Merkley; Representative Tipton; Grayford F. Payne, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Administration and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and John Katz, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine nomination of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3310, to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards;

S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review;

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;

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. 466, calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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

The nominations of Richard G. Olson, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, 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, Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, all of the Department of State, John Hardy Isakson, of Georgia, and Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and lists in the Foreign Service.

#### HOMELAND THREATS AND AGENCY RESPONSES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine homeland threats and agency responses, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

#### INVESTING IN AN EFFECTIVE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine investing in an effective Federal workforce, focusing on how effectively implementing reforms and closing critical skills gaps are key to addressing Federal workforce challenges, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, J. David Cox, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

(AFL–CIO), Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, and William L. Bransford, Government Managers Coalition, all of Washington, DC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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

An original bill (S. 3566) entitled, “Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012”;

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; and

Nomination lists in the Public Health Service.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, each introduced by Senator Schumer, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### HATE CRIMES AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights to examine hate crimes and the threat of domestic extremism, after receiving testimony from Scott McAllister, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Roy L. Austin, Jr., Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Michael A. Clancy, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Daryl Johnson, DT Analytics, Washington, DC; James B. Jacobs, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Harpreet Singh Saini, Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

### ELIMINATING WASTE AND FRAUD IN MEDICARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare, focusing on an examination of prior authorization requirements for power mobility devices, after receiving testimony from Deborah Taylor, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Hughes, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor, Lexington, South Carolina; Stephen T. Peake, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Chattanooga; Michael B. Clark, The SCOOTER Store, New Braunfels, Texas; and Jerome Epplin, Litchfield Family Practice Center, Litchfield, Illinois, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 6430–6443; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 789–792 were introduced. **Pages H6150–51**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6151–52**

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

H.R. 5948, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–678);

H.R. 6194, to ensure the viability and competitiveness of the United States agricultural sector (H. Rept. 112–679); and

H. Res. 788, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3409) to