

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7405–S7641

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3657–3662, and S. Res. 609–610. **Pages S7458–59**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 183, to clarify the applicability of certain maritime laws with respect to the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon. (S. Rept. No. 112–245)

Report to accompany S. 1759, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition. (S. Rept. No. 112–246)

Report to accompany S. 2279, to amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to provide additional protection for the R.M.S. Titanic and its wreck site. (S. Rept. No. 112–247)

Report to accompany S. 3410, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006. (S. Rept. No. 112–248) **Page S7458**

Measures Passed:

Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act: Senate passed S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7636–37**

Cardin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3310, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7636–37**

Alan Phillip Gross: Senate agreed to S. Res. 609, calling for the immediate and unconditional release of United States citizen Alan Phillip Gross from detention in Cuba and urging the Government of Cuba to address his medical issues. **Pages S7637–38**

Teen Cancer Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 573, designating the third week of January 2013 as “Teen Cancer Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7638**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 595, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7638**

Graduate Research Fellowship Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 610, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation. **Page S7639**

Measures Considered:

Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization. **Pages S7437–45, S7448–53**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that no amendments be in order to the bill; that on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, there be up to ten minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Pages S7435–36**

Walker and Berg Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, December 6, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that there be 15 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the

period of debate on the nominations, Senate proceed to Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 6156, and following disposition of H.R. 6156, Senate resume Executive Session and vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S7636**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 72 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 222), Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and Navy.

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Text of S. 3254 as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—222) **Page S7448**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7639.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on response and recovery and progress and challenges, after receiving testimony from Senators Schumer, Mikulski, Lieberman, Reed, Carper, Cardin, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

MALI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine assessing developments in Mali, focusing on restoring democracy and reclaiming the north, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Christopher Fomunyoh, National Democratic Institute, Corinne Dufka, Human Rights Watch, and Nii Akuetteh, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mohamed Ould Mahmoud, Lobbying Network for Peace, Security, and Development for Northern Mali, Bamako.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 6633–6641; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 825–826, were introduced. **Page H6675**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6675–76**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4297, to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st Century, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–699, Pt. 1). **Page H6675**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6625**