

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8155–S8234

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3690–3698, S. Res. 625, and S. Con. Res. 65. **Page S8203**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia: A Comparison of International Approaches”. (S. Rept. No. 112–254)

Report to accompany S. 1980, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures. (S. Rept. No. 112–255)

Report to accompany S. 2388, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002. (S. Rept. No. 112–256)

S. 1910, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–257)

S. 241, to expand whistleblower protections to non-Federal employees whose disclosures involve misuse of Federal funds, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1100, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit inserting politics into the Federal acquisition process by prohibiting the submission of political contribution information as a condition of receiving a Federal contract, with an amendment.

S. 2234, to prevent human trafficking in government contracting, with amendments. **Page S8203**

Measures Passed:

Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4057, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8229**

Merkley (for Murray) Amendment No. 3405, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8229**

Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 6029, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8229**

Merkley (for Kohl/Lee) Amendment No. 3406, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8229**

Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Nicky ‘Nick’ Daniel Bacon Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the “Nicky ‘Nick’ Daniel Bacon Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3912, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the “Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5738, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the “Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5837, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the “Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 7th Street in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the “Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3662, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Nichols Street in Westminister, Massachusetts, as the “Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8230–31**

Dignified Burial of Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3202, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8231**

Merkley (for Murray) Amendment No. 3407, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8231**

Improving Veterans Service Organizations Access to Federal Surplus Personal Property: Senate passed S. 3698, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property. **Pages S8231–32**

100th Birthday of Rosa Parks: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 618, observing the 100th birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks and commemorating her legacy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8232–33**

Opening of the United States Freedom Pavilion: Senate agreed to S. Res. 625, recognizing the January 12, 2013, opening of the United States Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, and supporting plans for other educational pavilions and initiatives. **Pages S8233–34**

Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8164–65, S8169–96**

Withdrawn:

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8164**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3395, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3397 (to Amendment No. 3396), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3398 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3399 (to Amendment No. 3398), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3400, to change the enactment date. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3401 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3400), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3401), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 3395, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 21, 2012. **Page S8195**

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 Amendment No. 3395. **Page S8195**

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

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3339 (to Amendment No. 3338), of a perfecting nature, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Page S8164**

Merkley Modified Amendment No. 3367 (to Amendment No. 3338), to extend certain supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Pages S8164, S8178–79**

McCain/Coburn Amendment No. 3355 (to Amendment No. 3338), to strike funding for the emergency forest restoration program, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Page S8164**

Tester Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3338), to provide additional funds for wildland fire management, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Page S8164**

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 3371 (to Amendment No. 3338), to ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Pages S8164, S8184–94**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3344 (to Amendment No. 3338), to provide for the approval of an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau in response to Super Typhoon Bopha, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Pages S8164–65, S8194–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, December 20, 2012. **Page S8234**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Robin Cleveland of Virginia for a term expiring December 31, 2014, Dennis C. Shea of Virginia for a term expiring December 31, 2014, and James M. Talent of Missouri, vice Daniel Blumenthal, for a term expiring December 31, 2013. **Page S8234**

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President

pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Katherine Tobin of Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2014, vice C. Richard D’Amato of Maryland. **Page S8234**

Messages from the House: **Pages S8200–01**

Measures Referred: **Page S8201**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8234.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine consumer credit reports, after receiving testimony from Corey Stone, Assistant Director for Deposits, Cash, Collections and Reporting Markets, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Chi Chi Wu, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the Accountability Review Board from National Security Briefers.

STATE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the right to vote after the 2012 election, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); former Florida Governor