

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S369–S409*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 178–189, and S. Res. 21–22. **Page S400**

**Measures Passed:**

*Congratulating the Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 13, congratulating the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its promotion of sisterhood, scholarship, and service, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S407–08**

*Catholic Schools Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 22, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Page S408**

**Appointments:**

*National Council on the Arts:* The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, his reappointment and appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the National Council on the Arts: Senator Whitehouse (reappointment), and Senator Baldwin, vice Senator McCaskill. **Page S408**

*Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 83–420, as amended by Public Law 99–371, reappointed Senator Brown to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. **Page S408**

*President's Export Council:* The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, appointed the following Members to the President's Export Council: Senator Klobuchar, Senator Begich, and Senator Gillibrand. **Page S408**

**Debt Limit—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Thursday, January 31, 2013, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 325, to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obli-

gations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013; that the following amendments, the text of which are at the desk, be the only first-degree amendments in order to the bill: Portman (dollar for dollar cuts—S. 43 text); Portman (government shutdown prevention S. 29 text); Toomey (full faith and credit); and Paul (prohibition of F–16s to Egypt); that the only motion to commit in order to the bill be a Vitter motion to commit regarding spending cuts; that the time until 12:15 p.m. be for debate on the amendments, motion and the bill, to run concurrently, and be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to votes on or in relation to the amendments and the Vitter motion in the order listed; that upon disposition of the amendments and the Vitter motion, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the amendments and the Vitter motion be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that there be no amendments in order to any of the amendments or the Vitter motion prior to the votes; and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote and that all after the first vote be ten minute votes.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S369, S399**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S399–S400**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S400–01**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S401–06**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S406**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S407**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S408.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine gun violence in America, including S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, after receiving testimony from former Rep-

resentative Gabrielle Giffords; Captain Mark E. Kelly, USN (Ret.), Americans for Responsible Solutions, Tucson, Arizona; David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado; Jim Johnson, Baltimore County Chief of Police, Towson, Maryland, on behalf of the National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence; Gayle S. Trotter, Independent Women's Forum, Washington, DC; and Wayne LaPierre, National Rifle Association of America, Fairfax, Virginia.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet 11 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 2013 in pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D34)

H.R. 152, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy. Signed on January 29, 2013. (Public Law 113-2)

to be Secretary of Defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the need to invest in the nation's ports, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine pension savings, focusing on if workers are saving enough for retirement, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* organizational business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee and rules of procedure for the 113th Congress., 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska,

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 31

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 325, Debt Limit, with a vote on or in relation to the Portman amendment at 12:15 p.m., and a series of votes on the remaining amendments, motion to commit, and final passage of the bill beginning at 2:15 p.m.

*(Senate will recess following the 12:15 p.m. vote until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, February 1

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.



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