

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Designate William “Mo” Cowan, of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S479–S570

Measures Introduced: Thirty-eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 229–266, and S. Res. 26–27. **Pages S519–20**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 111th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 113–1) **Page S518**

Measures Passed:

Providing for a Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S569**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 27, designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2013, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S569**

Measures Considered:

Violence Against Women Act–Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S480–97, S497–S514**

Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 13), McCain (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 14, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S511**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following amendments be the only first-degree amendments in order to the bill: Leahy Amendment No. 21; Portman Amendment No. 10; Murkowski Amendment No. 11; Coburn Amendment No. 13; Coburn Amendment No. 15; and Coburn Amendment No. 16; that there be no amendments in order to any of the amendments in

this list prior to votes on or in relation to the amendments; that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill following any Leader remarks on Monday, February 11, 2013, the time until 5:30 p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to votes on or in relation to the remaining amendments and passage of the underlying bill, as amended, if amended; that Senator Cornyn have 45 minutes under his control on the Republican side; and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote. **Page S510**

Appointments:

World War I Centennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 112–272, appointed the following individual to be a member of the World War I Centennial Commission: Jerry L. Hester of North Carolina. **Page S569**

United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and Public Law 106–292, reappointed and appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senator Lautenberg (reappointment), Senator Sanders (reappointment), and Senator Franken. **Page S569**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, reappointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Senator Baucus, Senator Levin, Senator Feinstein, Senator Brown (Chairman), and Senator Merkley. **Page S569**

Swearing in of Senator Cowan: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate William “Mo” Cowan of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S497**

Retiring Members of 112th Congress Tribute Printing—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be printed as a Senate document, a compilation of materials from the Congressional Record in tribute to the retiring Members of the 112th Congress. **Page S569**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2014.

Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2019.

Marilyn B. Tavenner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

12 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—13) **Page S511**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:51 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S569.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BENGHAZI ATTACK

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense’s response to the attack on United States facilities in Benghazi, Libya, and the findings of its internal review following the attack, after receiving testimony from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS WATER RESOURCES POLICIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of Corps of Engineers water resources policies, after receiving testimony from JoEllen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense; Collin O’Mara, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control Secretary, Dover; Richard M. Johnson, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Sacramento, California; Robert A. Turner, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority—East, New Orleans; and Garret Graves, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana, Baton Rouge.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on early lessons from state flexibility waivers, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; Terry Holliday, Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner, Lexington; John King, New York Commissioner of Education, Slingerlands; Andy Smarick, Bellweather Education Partners, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; and Kati Haycock, The Education Trust, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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