

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 47, Violence Against Women Act, as amended.

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S597–S662*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 280–289, and S. Res. 29–30. **Page S657**

#### Measures Passed:

**Violence Against Women Act:** By 78 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate passed S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S598–S645**

#### Adopted:

By 93 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 15), Leahy Modified Amendment No. 21, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 through 2017 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons. **Pages S601–10**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 16), Portman/Blumenthal Amendment No. 10, to clarify that child victims of sex trafficking are eligible to receive assistance under grants provided to enhance the safety of youth and children. **Pages S610–11**

Leahy (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 11, to improve the bill. **Pages S611–12**

#### Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 17), Coburn Amendment No. 15, to more quickly resolve rape cases and reduce the deficit by consolidating unnecessary duplication within the Department of Justice. **Pages S598, S612–13**

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 18), Coburn Amendment No. 16, to amend the requirements for speedy notice to victims and to require a report to Congress. **Pages S598, S613–14**

**Majority Party's Committee Membership:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 29, to constitute the majority par-

ty's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S662**

**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. **Page S662**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 12, 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–2) **Pages S651–55**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S655–57**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—19) **Pages S609–11, S613–14, S616**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S662.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 113th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies:* Senators Pryor (Chair), Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson (SD), Tester, Udall (NM), Merkley, Blunt, Cochran, McConnell, Collins, Moran, and Hoeven.

*Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies:* Senators Mikulski (Chair), Leahy, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Pryor, Landrieu, Shaheen, Merkley, Shelby, McConnell, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Kirk, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Department of Defense:* Senators Durbin (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Murray, Johnson (SD), Reed, Landrieu, Pryor, Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Coats, and Blunt.

*Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development:* Senators Feinstein (Chair), Murray, Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Lautenberg, Harkin, Tester, Durbin, Udall (NM), Alexander, Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, and Hoeven.

*Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government:* Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Durbin, Udall (NM), Johanns, and Moran.

*Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security:* Senators Landrieu (Chair), Leahy, Murray, Lautenberg, Tester, Begich, Coats, Cochran, Shelby, Murkowski, and Moran.

*Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies:* Senators Reed (Chair), Feinstein, Leahy, Johnson (SD), Tester, Udall (NM), Merkley, Begich, Murkowski, Cochran, Alexander, Blunt, Hoeven, and Johanns.

*Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies:* Senators Harkin (Chair), Murray, Landrieu, Durbin, Reed, Pryor, Mikulski, Tester, Shaheen, Merkley, Moran, Cochran, Shelby, Alexander, Graham, Kirk, Johanns, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Legislative Branch:* Senators Shaheen (Chair), Merkley, Begich, Hoeven, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies:* Senators Johnson (SD) (Chair), Murray, Reed, Pryor, Tester, Udall (NM), Shaheen, Begich, Kirk, McConnell, Collins, Murkowski, Coats, Hoeven, and Johanns.

*Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs:* Senators Leahy (Chair), Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Shaheen, Begich,

Graham, McConnell, Kirk, Coats, Blunt, Johanns, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:* Senators Murray (Chair), Mikulski, Durbin, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson (SD), Lautenberg, Pryor, Reed, Collins, Shelby, Alexander, Graham, Kirk, Coats, Blunt, Moran, and Boozman.

### IMPACTS OF SEQUESTRATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of sequestration and/or a full-year continuing resolution on the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Deputy Secretary, Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff United States Army, Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense.

### BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2013–2023, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress, a questionnaire for executive nominations, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Energy:* Senators Franken (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Manchin, Coons, Heinrich, Risch, Heller, Flake, Alexander, Portman, and Hoeven.

*Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining:* Senators Manchin (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Udall (CO), Franken, Coons, Schatz, Heinrich, Barrasso, Risch, Lee, Heller, Flake, Scott, Alexander, and Hoeven.

*Subcommittee on National Parks:* Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Coons, Schatz, Heinrich, Portman, Barrasso, Lee, Alexander, and Hoeven.

*Subcommittee on Water and Power:* Senators Schatz (Chair), Johnson (SD), Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Manchin, Franken, Lee, Barrasso, Risch, Heller, Flake, and Scott.

*Senators Wyden and Murkowski are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

### AMERICA'S NATURAL GAS RESOURCES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges associated with America's natural gas resources, after receiving testimony from Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Denver; Andrew N. Liveris, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, and Jack N. Gerard, American Petroleum Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Frances Beinecke, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York; and Kenneth B. Medlock III, Rice University James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Houston, Texas.

### PROPOSALS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine proposals to reduce gun vio-

lence, focusing on protecting our communities while respecting the Second Amendment, including S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, S. 179, to prevent gun trafficking, S. 195, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs, S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and S. 174, to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Heaphy, United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, Department of Justice; Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Daniel W. Webster, Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, Baltimore, Maryland; Charles J. Cooper, Cooper and Kirk PLLC, Washington, D.C.; Sandra J. Wortham, Chicago, Illinois; and Suzanna Gratia Hupp, Lampasas, Texas.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 609–623; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 12; and H. Res. 62–63 were introduced. **Pages H454–55**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H455–56**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H437**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act:*** H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects; and **Pages H441–42**

***Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2013:*** H.R. 235, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with

military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians. **Pages H442–43**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013:*** H.R. 267, to improve hydropower. **Pages H439–41**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:41 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m. **Page H443**

**State of the Union Address:** President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 11. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Lankford, Jenkins, Foxx, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Becerra, Crowley, Israel, and Duckworth and Senators Reid, Leahy, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Bennet, Stabenow, Begich, McConnell, Cornyn, Thune, Blunt, Barrasso, and Moran. The President's message was referred to the Committee of

the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–1). **Pages H443–49**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H449.

**Senate Referral:** S. 47 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

## Committee Meeting

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a business meeting to complete consideration of the Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress. The Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress was adopted.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee membership and jurisdiction, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, and S. Res. 12, recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti, 3 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, committee rules, subcommittee membership and jurisdiction, H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and S. 252, The Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Act, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine solutions to the crisis facing the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress and committee rules, 10 a.m., SR–301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, 4 p.m., SR–428A.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the impact of Federal budget decisions on families and communities, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 3:15 p.m., SD–226.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, business meeting to consider oversight plan of the Committee on Agriculture for the 113th Congress and other organizational matters, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Impacts of a Continuing Resolution and Sequestration on Defense”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Future National Security Environment: Technological, Geopolitical and Economic Trends Affecting the Defense Strategic Guidance”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled “The Future of the NLRB: What Noel Canning vs. NLRB Means for Workers, Employers, and Unions”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Influenza: Perspective on Current Season and Update on Preparedness”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Satellite Video 101”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Bailout, Bust, or Much Ado About Nothing?: A Look at the Federal Housing Administration’s 2012 Actuarial Report”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “A New Perspective on Threats to the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Direct Assistance in Afghanistan: Ensuring Transparency and Accountability”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 273, to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees; and Proposed Oversight Plan of the Committee on Rules for the 113th Congress.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “American Energy Outlook: Technology, Market, and Policy Drivers”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of the Small Business Economy”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Federal Role in America’s Infrastructure”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Honoring the Commitment: Overcoming Barriers to Quality Mental Health Care for Veterans”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, business meeting on Committee Organization and Rules, 4 p.m., HVC-304. Portions of this meeting may be closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 592—Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2013, under suspension of the Rules.

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