

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 446–467, S.J. Res. 10, S. Res. 67, and S. Con. Res. 5.

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing Committee Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 29), Paul Amendment No. 25, to strike supplemental staff funding available only to a limited number of Senators in a time of sequestration.

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Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, appointed the following individual to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Roberta Johnson of Iowa vice Norm Bedford of Nevada.

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Halligan Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, with the time until 10:30 a.m., equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 56 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—29) Page S1104

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1135.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

TAX CODE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reducing the deficit by eliminating wasteful spending in the tax code, after receiving testimony from Edward D. Kleinbard, University of

Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles; and Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Russ Roberts, Stanford University Hoover Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), after receiving testimony from John E. Hamilton, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, St Augustine, Florida.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 943–976; 1 private bill, H.R. 977; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21; and H.Res. 97–98, 100–102 were introduced. **Pages H980–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H983–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Billions of Federal Tax Dollars Misspent on New York's Medicaid Program (H. Rept. 113–11) and

H. Res. 99, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–12). **Page H980**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative DeSantis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H953**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H954**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Walz. **Page H958**

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

Amending section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit: H.R. 668, to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget

submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 28 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 57 and

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Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2013: H.R. 338, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 58.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H966**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:36 p.m. **Page H979**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 6th. **Page H979**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H967 and H967–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "To Review the State of the Rural Economy". Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.