

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 933, Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1137–S1238

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 468–484, S. Res. 68, and S. Con. Res. 6. **Page S1229**

Halligan Nomination: 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. **Pages S1138–46**

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

By 51 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 30), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1146**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination. **Page S1146**

Brennan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Pages S1181–S1226**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, March 9, 2013. **Pages S1226–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1229–30**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1230–38**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1238**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—30) **Page S1146**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 and adjourned at 12:41 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1238.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., United States Attorney General, Department of Justice.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Fleet Reserve Association, Gold Star Wives, Air Force Sergeants Association, and AMVETS, after receiving testimony from Cleve Geer, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; Chief Master Sergeant John R. McCauslin, USAF (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; Bill Lawson, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Woodward, Oklahoma; Sheldon Ohren, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Monsey, New York; Vivianne Cisneros Wersel, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Mark A. Kilgore, Fleet Reserve Association, Pensacola, Florida; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Middle Village, New York; Rear Admiral W. Clyde Marsh, USN (Ret.), National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Montgomery, Alabama; and Gus Hargett, National Guard Association of the United States, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 978–1022; 1 private bills, H.R. 1023; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 33; H. Con. Res. 22; and H. Res. 103–105 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H.Con. Res. 14, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Professor Muhamad Yunus: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H.Con. Res. 20, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Professor Muhamad Yunus.

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Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 267 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 62.

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Rejected the Peters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 61.

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H. Res. 99, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 60, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 59.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that (1) the order of the House of January 3, 2013 regarding morning-hour debate not apply tomorrow; and (2) when the House adjourns on Thursday, March 7th, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 11th.

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Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics: The Chair announced the Speaker's ap-

pointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 113th Congress: Representatives Latham, Thornberry, Forbes, Bishop (UT), Blackburn, Latta, Olson, Gardner, Roby, and Messer.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H996, H996–97, H1315, and H1315–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AND TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on posture of the U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and U.S. Transportation Command. Testimony was heard from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, U.S. Central Command; Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and General William M. Fraser III, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command.

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Member's Day". Testimony was heard from Members of the 113th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 803, the "Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC: HOW GOVERNMENT HOUSING POLICY FAILED HOMEOWNERS AND TAXPAYERS AND LED TO THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac: How Government Housing Policy Failed Homeowners and Taxpayers and Led to the Financial Crisis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 113TH CONGRESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing on Committee Funding for the 113th

Congress. Testimony was heard from the Chairman and/or Ranking Member of each Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 890, “Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine patterns of abuse, focusing on assessing “Bank Secrecy Act” compliance and enforcement, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold a joint hearing with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to examine the cybersecurity partnership between the private sector and our government, focusing on protecting our national and economic security, 2:30 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward North Korea, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation to examine the cybersecurity partnership between the private sector and our government, focusing on protecting our national and economic security, 2:30 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America’s schools, and the nominations of Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 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, 10 a.m., SH–216.

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Thursday, March 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon.

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