

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 602–617, S. Res. 80–81, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Page S1950**

Measures Passed:

National Ag Day 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 81, commemorating March 19, 2013, as the 40th anniversary of National Ag Day. **Page S1957**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1914, S1928–44**

Pending:

Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1914**

Toomey Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26), to increase by \$60,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense for programs, projects, and activities in the continental United States, and to provide an offset. **Page S1914**

Durbin Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 115), to change the enactment date. **Page S1914**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, all post-cloture time on Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26 (listed above), be considered expired; that Durbin Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 115) (listed above), be withdrawn with no other second-degree amendment in order; that Senate vote on or in relation to Toomey Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26) (listed above); that upon disposition of Toomey Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26), Senate vote on or in relation to Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, as amended;

that upon disposition of Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that if cloture is invoked on the bill, the 30 hours post-cloture begin to run as if cloture were invoked at 1 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. **Page S1957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, with the time until 11:15 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S1957**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Michael Kenny O’Keefe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Robert D. Okun, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1957–58.)

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 United States European Command, United States Northern Command, and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James Stavridis, United States Navy, Commander, United States European Command, General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, Commander, United States Northern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General John F. Kelly, United States Marine Corps, Commander, United States Southern Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received open and closed briefings on cybersecurity threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Kevin Mandia, and Richard Bejtlich, both of Mandiant Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia; Stephanie O'Sullivan, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Miriam Perlberg, National Intelligence Manager for Cyber, and Sean Kanuck, National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues, all of the Office of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bipartisan solutions for housing finance reform, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mel Martinez, Co-Chair, Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission; Peter Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Janneke Ratcliffe, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

INSURANCE MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine streamlining regulation, improving consumer protection and increasing competition in insurance markets, including S. 534, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, after receiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Monica J. Lindeen, Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Jon Jensen, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Scott Trofholz, The Harry A. Koch Company, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers.

UNITED STATES FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine developments and opportunities in United States fisheries management, after receiving testimony from Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert Beal, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Executive Director, Arlington, Virginia; Randy Fisher, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Executive Director, Portland, Oregon; Dave Donaldson, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Assistant Director, Ocean Springs, Mississippi; James J. Gilmore, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Marine Fisheries Director, East Setauket; Emerson C. Hasbrouck, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Marine Program, Riverhead, New York; and Thomas P. Fote, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Toms River, New Jersey, on behalf of the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.