

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2053–S2234

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 632–650, S.J. Res. 12, and S. Res. 86–89. **Pages S2145–46**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 112th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 113–4)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 112th Congress.” (S. Rept. No. 113–5)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 112th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 113–6) **Page S2145**

Measures Passed:

Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 540, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2231–32**

Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library: Senate agreed to S. Res. 88, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page S2232**

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, designating March 25, 2013, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. **Page S2232**

Authorizing use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 18, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service. **Page S2232**

Authorizing use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 19, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S2232**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2053–S2141**

Adopted:

By 79 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 47), Reid (for Hatch) Amendment No. 297, to promote innovation, preserve high-paying jobs, and encourage economic growth for manufacturers of lifesaving medical devices and cutting edge medical therapies. **Pages S2130, S2133**

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 48), Reid (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 432, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect Medicare’s guaranteed benefits and to prohibit replacing guaranteed benefits with the House passed budget plan to turn Medicare into a voucher program. **Pages S2130, S2133**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 45), Sessions motion to recommit the concurrent resolution to the Committee on the Budget, with instructions to report back no later than March 22, 2013 with such changes as may be necessary to achieve unified budget by fiscal year 2023. **Page S2132**

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 46), Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 433, to amend the resolution. **Pages S2130, S2131–33**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 49), Reid (for Grassley) Amendment No. 156, to protect Americans from a \$1,000,000,000,000 tax increase and provide for pro-growth revenue-neutral comprehensive tax reform. **Pages S2130, S2134**

Pending:

Reid (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 431, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to require equal pay policies and practices. **Page S2130**

Reid (for Ayotte/Thune) Amendment No. 158, to prohibit the consideration of a budget resolution

that includes revenue increases while the civilian unemployment rate is above 5.5 percent, the administration's prediction for the unemployment rate without the stimulus. **Page S2130**

Reid (for Cruz) Amendment No. 202, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 and to encourage patient-centered reforms to improve health outcomes and reduce health care costs, promoting economic growth. **Pages S2130–31**

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 439, to amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for tax relief to provide tax relief for low and middle income families. **Page S2131**

Reid (for Crapo) Amendment No. 222, to establish a deficit neutral reserve fund to repeal the tax increases enacted under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that were imposed on low-and middle-income Americans. **Page S2131**

Reid (for Shaheen/Stabenow) Amendment No. 438, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect women's access to health care, including primary and preventative health care, family planning and birth control, and employer-provided contraceptive coverage, such as was provided under the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111–148). **Page S2131**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, March 22, 2013, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided between the two managers, or their designees; that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Reid (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 431; Reid (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 158; Reid (for Cruz) Amendment No. 202; Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 439; Reid (for Crapo) Amendment No. 222; and Reid (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 438; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote, and all after the first vote in this sequence be ten minute votes; that upon disposition of the last amendment listed, there be two hours equally divided between the two managers, or their designees, remaining on the concurrent resolution; and that the next amendment in order be an amendment from the Majority side to be followed by a Republican alternative to Reid (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 438. **Page S2124**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed and reappointed the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of

the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Warner vice The Honorable Kent Conrad of North Dakota and Senator Feinstein (re-appointment).

British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed Senator Leahy as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress. **Page S2232**

U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress: Senator Begich. **Page S2232**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 113th Congress: Senator Klobuchar. **Page S2232**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference for the 113th Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference for the 113th Congress: Senator Kaine. **Page S2232**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years.

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2017.

Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2018.

Marilyn A. Brown, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2017.

Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2019.

Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2019.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2015.

Ranee Ramaswamy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—49) Pages S2132–34

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:56 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2233.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior.

REBALANCE TO ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Asia, focusing on democracy, good governance and human rights, after receiving testimony from Joseph Y. Yun, Acting Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Daniel B. Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; Steven Rood, The Asia Foundation, San Francisco, California; and Ellen Bork, The Foreign Policy Initiative, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on a progress report on management, after receiving testimony from Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, and Cathleen A. Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, both of the Government Accountability Office; Shawn Reese, Analyst in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Elaine C. Duke, former Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Woodbridge, Virginia; and Richard L. Skinner, former Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, Alexandria, Virginia.

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: 93 public bills, H.R. 1308–1400; 1 private bill, H.R. 1401; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 131–139 were introduced. **Pages H1820–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1828–29**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1723**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H1723**

Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker may postpone further proceedings on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 933 as though under clause 8(a)(1)(A) of rule 20. **Page H1725**

Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013—Motion to Concur: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to 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 318 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1725–94, H1801–02**

The motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 933 was considered pursuant to the order of the House of March 20, 2013.

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 88. Consideration of the concurrent resolution began on Tuesday, March 19th. **Pages H1794–H1801**

H. Res. 122, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) and the resolution (H. Res. 115), was agreed to on Tuesday, March 19th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 25th. **Page H1802**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to serve as Co-

Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative Wolf. **Page H1802**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1723.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1801 and H1801–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—MEMBER AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing for Members of Congress and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from Representatives Meehan; Keating; Larsen (WA); Farr; Peters (CA); and Reed.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a hearing on Federal Transit Administration Oversight. Testimony was heard from Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Inspector General Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Karen Ellis, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations; and Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audit.

UPDATE ON MILITARY SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on an Update on Military Suicide Prevention. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff G–1, United States Army; Jacqueline Garrick, Acting Director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office, Department of Defense; Brigadier General Robert F. Hedelund, USMC, Director, Marine and Family Programs, United States Marine

Corps; Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, United States Air Force; Jerry Reed, Jr., Director, Suicide Prevention Resource Center; and Vice Admiral Scott R. Van Buskirk, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, United States Navy.

OUR NATION OF BUILDERS: THE STRENGTH OF STEEL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing on “Our Nation of Builders: The Strength of Steel”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murphy (PA); and Visclosky; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: ADMINISTRATION PERSPECTIVES ON INNOVATION AND REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: Administration Perspectives on Innovation and Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Farzad Mostashari, National Coordinator, Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services; and Christy Foreman, Director, Office of Device Evaluation, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration.

CYBER ATTACKS: AN UNPRECEDENTED THREAT TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Cyber Attacks: An Unprecedented Threat to U.S. National Security”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Painter, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues, Department of State; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 910, the “Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1080, to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such an Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities. Testimony was heard from John Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment and Installation, Department of Defense; Stephen D. Guertin, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jimmy Anthony, Assistant Sec-

retary for the Office of Wildlife, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on “America’s Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America”; H.R. 1063, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013”; H.R. 687, the “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 697, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; H.R. 761, the “Critical and Strategic Minerals Production Act”; H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 957, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; and H.R. 981, the “Resource Assessment of Rare Earths Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Gosar; Grijalva; Kirkpatrick; Heck (NV); and Johnson (GA); and James M. Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission; Jamie Connell, Bureau of Land Management, Acting Deputy Director, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Stephen Q. Miller, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Pinal County; Soyla “Kiki” Peralta, Council Member, Superior Town Council; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES AGAINST EMERGING AND COMPLEX CYBER-ATTACKS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled, “Protecting Small Businesses Against Emerging and Complex Cyber-Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, March 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 8, Budget Resolution, with up to 6 roll call votes beginning at 11 a.m. At approximately 3 p.m., Senate will proceed to the budget vote-a-rama.

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