

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 703–719, and S. Res. 96. **Page S2589**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 689, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

**STOCK Act:** Senate passed S. 716, to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding on-line access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 649, 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

Manchin Amendment No. 715, to protect Second Amendment rights, ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and provide a responsible and consistent background check process.

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

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 95), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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**O’Connell, Torres, Watson Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 15, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Beverly Reid O’Connell, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yield-

ing back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; provided further, that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Analisa Torres, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Derrick Kahala Watson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii; and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Matthew C. Armstrong, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2014.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Rick Lowe, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Dorothy Kosinski, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

83 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—95) Page S2580

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2619.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Blank, Deputy Secretary, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine outsourcing accountability, focusing on examining the role of independent consultants, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Richard M. Ashton, Deputy General Counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Konrad Alt, Promontory Financial Group, LLC, Piedmont, California; James F. Flanagan, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Huntington, New York; and Owen Ryan, Deloitte and Touche LLP, Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

### BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget re-

quest for fiscal year 2014, after receiving testimony from Jeff Zients, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cowan and Warren, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

### U.S. POLICY TOWARD SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy toward Syria, after receiving testimony from Robert Ford, Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, and Beth Jones, Acting Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State; Daniel Glaser, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing; and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

### OPEN MARKETPLACE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an open marketplace, focusing on the effect of guaranteed issue and new rating rules, after receiving testimony from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin Counihan, Access Health CT, Hartford, Connecticut; Sabrina Corlette, Georgetown University Center on Health Insurance Reforms, Washington, DC; Christopher Carlson, Oliver Wyman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Stacy Cook, Carroll, Iowa.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

### 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.