

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2775–S2818*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 758–773, S.J. Res. 13, and S. Res. 102–103. **Pages S2797–98**

#### Measures Passed:

**District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Vacancy Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1246, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office. **Page S2817**

**Authorize Representation in the Case of Steve Schonberg v. Senator Mitch McConnell:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 103, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Steve Schonberg v. Senator Mitch McConnell, et al. **Page S2817**

#### Measures Considered:

**Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2777–82**  
Adopted:

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 104), Barrasso Amendment No. 717, to withhold 5 percent of Community Oriented Policing Services program Federal funding from States and local governments that release sensitive and confidential information on law-abiding gun owners and victims of domestic violence. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S2777, S2780–81**

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 105), Harkin Amendment No. 730, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use

disorders. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S2777, S2781**

**Marketplace Fairness Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 743, to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws. **Pages S2785–92**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 18, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013. **Page S2785**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2792**

**Kelly Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S2817**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 106), Derrick Kahala Watson, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii. **Pages S2782–84, S2817**

Analisa Torres, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S2782–84, S2818**

Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

9 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
 30 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 Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Avril D. Haines, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2014.

Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2020.

Andrea Levere, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S2817**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—106) **Pages S2781, S2784**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2817.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

*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 Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Stephen Warren, Acting Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Richard J. Griffin, Deputy Inspector General, John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, and Linda A. Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State.