

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3537–S3588

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 967–987, S. Res. 143–148, and S. Con. Res. 16.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 607, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications. (S. Rept. No. 113–34) **Pages S3568–69**

Measures Passed:

Freedom to Fish Act: Senate passed S. 982, to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam.

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National Minority Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 145, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2013 to bring attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

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National Police Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, designating the week of May 12 through May 18, 2013, as “National Police Week”.

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National Foster Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 147, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

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National Kids to Parks Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, designating May 18, 2013, as “National Kids to Parks Day”.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 16, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass.

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Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Senator Chambliss.

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Farm Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2013, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Sheri Polster Chappell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Michael J. McShane, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon; 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 nominations in the order listed; that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and

Claire R. Kelly, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed. **Page S3585**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 127), Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy. **Pages S3538–52, S3588**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Debra M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2017.

Daniel R. Russel, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S3586–88**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—127) **Page S3552**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGENCIES

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 various agencies within the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Edward Avalos, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Elisabeth Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the law of armed conflict, the use of military force, and the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Taylor, Acting General Counsel, Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Major General Michael K. Nagata, USA, Deputy Director for Special Operations/Counterterrorism, J-37, Joint Staff, and Brigadier General Richard C. Gross, JAGC, USA, Legal Counsel, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense; Rosa Brooks, Georgetown University Law Center, Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch, and Charles Stimson, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Geoffrey S. Corn, South Texas College of Law, McAllen, Texas; and Jack Goldsmith, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.