

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3633–S3699

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 992–1004, and S. Res. 150–151. **Pages S3657–58**

Measures Reported:

S. 330, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3657**

Measures Considered:

Farm Bill—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3634–48, S3652**

Adopted:

By 87 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 129), Stabenow (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 919, to allow Indian tribes to participate in certain soil and water conservation programs. **Pages S3634, S3636**

Stabenow (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 945, to clarify eligibility criteria for agricultural irrigation assistance. **Page S3637**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 130), Roberts Amendment No. 948, to improve and extend certain nutrition programs. **Pages S3641–47**

By 26 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 131), Gillibrand Amendment No. 931, to strike a reduction in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, with an offset that limits crop insurance reimbursements to providers. **Pages S3636–37, S3647–48**

Pending:

Stabenow (for Leahy) Amendment No. 998, to establish a pilot program for gigabit Internet projects in rural areas. **Page S3652**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. **Page S3698**

Appointments:

Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 112–239, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: The Honorable Bob Kerrey, of Nebraska, and The Honorable Larry Pressler of South Dakota. **Page S3698**

Srinivasan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S3698**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 23, 2013. **Page S3698**

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Measures Referred: **Page S3656**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—131) **Pages S3636, S3647–48**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3699.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmen-dorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN IN ADVERSITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine a review of United States foreign assistance for children in adversity, after receiving testimony from Donald Steinberg, Deputy Administrator, and Neil Boothby, Special Advisor for Children in Adversity, both of the United States Agency for International Development; Caroline Ryan, Deputy Coordinator for Technical Leadership, Office of the United States Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; Susan Bissell, United Nations Children's Fund, New York, New York; Jedd Medefind, Christian Alliance for Orphans, McLean, Virginia; Phillip Goldman, Maestral International, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Charles Nelson, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, including S. 892, to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RAEHEL AND JACQUELINE HOUCK SAFE RENTAL CAR ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, after receiving testimony from David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Sharon Faulkner, American Car Rental Association, Clifton Park, New York; Rosemary Shahan, Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, Sacramento, California; Mitch Bainwol, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; Peter Welch, National Automobile Dealers Association, McLean, Virginia; and Carol Houck, Ojai, California.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what the next applications are for natural gas and how this new demand will be met, focusing on domestic supply and natural gas exports, after receiving testimony from Christopher Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council, Charles Ebinger, The Brookings Institution, and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Pat Outtrim, Cheniere Energy, Inc., Austin, Texas; Deborah Rogers, EnergyPolicyForum, Fort Worth, Texas; E. Harry Vidas, ICF International, Fairfax, Virginia; John Mohlis, The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Portland; and Octavio Simoes, Sempra Energy, San Diego, California.

IRS AND 501(c)(4) APPLICATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of criteria used by the IRS to identify 501(c)(4) applications for greater scrutiny, after receiving testimony from Steven Miller, Acting Commissioner, and Douglas Shulman, former Commissioner, both of the Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 960, to foster stability in Syria, with amendments; and