

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 65, Iran Sanctions Resolution, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3701–S3789

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1005–1027, and S. Res. 152. **Pages S3760–61**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 143, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013. **Page S3759**

Measures Passed:

Iran Sanctions Resolution: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 133), Senate agreed to S. Res. 65, strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation, after agreeing to the committee-reported amendment. **Pages S3736–45**

Stolen Valor Act: Senate passed H.R. 258, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals. **Page S3789**

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 S3712–36, S3745–52**

Adopted:

Stabenow (for Franken) Amendment No. 992, to provide access to grocery delivery for homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits. **Pages S3716–17**

Stabenow (for Vitter) Amendment No. 1056, to end food stamp eligibility for convicted violent rapists, pedophiles, and murderers. **Page S3717**

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 132), Inhofe/Graham Amendment No. 960, to repeal the nutrition entitlement programs and establish a nutrition assistance block grant program. **Pages S3712–16**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 134), Stabenow (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 925, to reform the Federal sugar program. **Pages S3727–28, S3734–36, S3745–46**

Pending:

Stabenow (for Leahy) Amendment No. 998, to establish a pilot program for gigabit Internet projects in rural areas. **Page S3712**

Sanders/Begich Amendment No. 965, to permit States to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient. **Pages S3749–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 23, 2013, following the cloture vote on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate continue legislative session and consideration of the bill; Senate then vote on or in relation to Sanders/Begich Amendment No. 965 (listed above); that there be no second-degree amendments in order to Sanders/Begich Amendment No. 965 prior to the vote; that the amendment be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and that the time consumed during consideration of the bill count post-cloture. **Page S3751**

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 Boozman.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—134)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3789.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary, and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Barbara Cooper, Acting Di-

rector of Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability, both of the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,270 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

TAX REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through tax reform, after receiving testimony from Michael Linden, Center for American Progress, and Adam Looney, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hagan and Burr, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NUTRIENT TRADING AND WATER QUALITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine nutrient trading and water quality, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Beth L. McGee, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, Maryland; Marty Matlock, University of Arkansas Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability, Fayetteville; and Susan Parker Bodine, Barnes and Thornburg, and George S. Hawkins, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, both of Washington, D.C.

TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 662, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, after receiving testimony from William A. Cook, Chrysler Group LLC, Rochester, Michigan; David Cooper, The Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; Clark R. Silcox, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Rosslyn, Virginia; and Mary Ann Comstock, UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc., Sweet Grass, Montana.