

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, relative to the death of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, of New Jersey.

The House passed H.R. 2216, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3915–S3964

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1087–1096, S. Res. 159–162, and S. Con. Res. 18. **Pages S3954–55**

Measures Passed:

Providing for the Use of the Catafalque: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 18, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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Relative to the Memorial Observances of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg: Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, relative to the memorial observances of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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Relative to the Death of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2013 as “National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month”.

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Measures Considered:

Farm Bill—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3923–26 S3927–49**

Pending:

Stabenow (for Leahy) Amendment No. 998, to establish a pilot program for gigabit Internet projects in rural areas. **Page S3923**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Tuesday, June 4, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013. **Page S3949**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013, and that notwithstanding the Senate not being in session, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013. **Page S3949**

Student Loans—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

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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 Tuesday, June 4, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur upon conclusion of the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 954, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked. **Page S3949**

Student Loan Affordability Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to

limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. **Page S3949**

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 Tuesday, June 4, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur upon conclusion of the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1003, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked. **Page S3949**

Cloture Motions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; that upon the conclusion of that vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; that upon conclusion of the vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; that upon conclusion of the vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate resume consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, post-cloture, if cloture was invoked on the bill; that upon disposition of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, if cloture had been invoked on one of the motions to proceed, Senate then resume that motion to proceed, post-cloture; if cloture was invoked on both motions to proceed, Senate consider the motions, post-cloture in the order in which cloture was invoked; and if the motion to proceed to S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans, is agreed to, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked on the other motion to proceed to S. 953, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, Senate resume the following motion to pro-

ceed, post-cloture, upon disposition of S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans. **Page S3949**

Awarding the Medal of Honor to James Megellas—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 993, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page S3952**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Cornelia T. L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, in accordance with S. Res. 161, at 7:14 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3963.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and