

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4535–S4621

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1172–1182, S.J. Res. 18–19, and S. Res. 173–174. **Page S4585**

Measures Passed:

World Press Freedom Day: Senate agreed to 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 S4619**

National Child Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 173, designating September 2013 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefiting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States. **Page S4620**

American Eagle Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, designating June 20, 2013, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Page S4620**

Measures Considered:

Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4546–54, S4554–74**

Adopted:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1222, to apply the amendments made by the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 retroactively to all individuals adopted by a citizen of the United States in an international adoption and to repeal the pre-adoption parental visitation requirement for automatic citizenship and to amend section 320 of the Immigration and Nation-

ality Act relating to automatic citizenship for children born outside of the United States who have a United States citizen parent. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S4546, S4558**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 153), Tester Amendment No. 1198, to modify the Border Oversight Task Force to include tribal government officials. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S4546, S4559**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 151), Thune Amendment No. 1197, to require the completion of the 350 miles of reinforced, double-layered fencing described in section 102(b)(1)(A) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 before registered provisional immigrant status may be granted and to require the completion of 700 miles of such fencing before the status of registered provisional immigrants may be adjusted to permanent resident status. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S4546, S4548–54, S4558**

By 36 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 152), Vitter Amendment No. 1228, to prohibit the temporary grant of legal status to, or adjustment to citizenship status of, any individual who is unlawfully present in the United States until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the US-VISIT System (a biometric border check-in and check-out system first required by Congress in 1996) has been fully implemented at every land, sea, and air port of entry and Congress passes a joint resolution, under fast track procedures, stating that such integrated entry and exit data system has been sufficiently implemented. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S4546, S4558–59**

Pending:

Leahy/Hatch Amendment No. 1183, to encourage and facilitate international participation in the performing arts. **Page S4546**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following amendments be in order to be called up and that they not be subject to modification or division, with the exception of the technical modifications to the Merkley and Paul amendments contained in this agreement: Manchin Amendment No. 1268; Pryor Amendment No. 1298; Merkley Modified Amendment No. 1237; Boxer Amendment No. 1240; Reed Amendment No. 1224; Cornyn Amendment No. 1251; Lee Amendment No. 1208; Paul Modified Amendment No. 1200; Heller Amendment No. 1227; and Cruz Amendment No. 1320; that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of these amendments prior to votes on or in relation to the amendments.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013. **Page S4620**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—153) **Pages S4558–59**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4620.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Admin-

istration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for agriculture programs for fiscal year 2014.

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2014.

REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine long term sustainability for reverse mortgages, focusing on the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage's (HECM) impact on the mutual mortgage insurance fund, including S. 469, to assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in stabilizing the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program, after receiving testimony from Lori A. Trawinski, AARP Public Policy Institute, West Paterson, New Jersey; Odette Williamson, National Consumer Law Center, Hyde Park, Massachusetts; Ramsey L. Alwin, National Council on Aging, Kennebunkport, Maine; and Peter H. Bell, National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, Washington, DC.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 28, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, with amendments;