

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4623–S4725

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1183–1192, and S. Res. 175–177. **Page S4673**

Measures Reported:

S. 959, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4673**

Measures Passed:

International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly: Senate passed S. 579, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly. **Pages S4716–17**

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: Senate passed S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan. **Pages S4717–25**

South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 25, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District. **Pages S4717–25**

Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Senate passed S. 26, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. **Pages S4717–25**

Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: Senate passed S. 112, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers. **Pages S4717–25**

Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 130, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming. **Pages S4717–25**

Denali National Park Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 157, to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska. **Pages S4717–25**

Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation: Senate passed S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. **Pages S4717–25**

Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project: Senate passed S. 244, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project. **Pages S4717–25**

American Falls Reservoir: Senate passed S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir. **Pages S4717–25**

Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway. **Pages S4717–25**

Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act: Senate passed S. 352, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers. **Pages S4717–25**

National Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Senate passed S. 383, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. **Pages S4717–25**

White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 393, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. **Pages S4717–25**

Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: Senate passed S. 459,

to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

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Commemorating John Lewis: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 170, commemorating John Lewis on the 50th anniversary of his chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 175, observing Juneteenth Independence Day, June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States.

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Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, designating July 12, 2013, as “Collector Car Appreciation Day” and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.

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National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, which begins on June 17, 2013.

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Seasonal Influenza Vaccines: Senate passed H.R. 475, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines.

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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:

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Adopted:

By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 155), Leahy (for Manchin) Amendment No. 1268, to provide for common sense limitations on salaries for contractor executives and employees involved in border security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.)

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Leahy (for Pryor/Johanns) Amendment No. 1298, to promote recruitment of former members of the Armed Forces and members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces to serve in United States Customs and Border Protection and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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By 89 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 157), Heller/Reid Amendment No. 1227, to include a representative from the Southwestern State of Nevada on the Southern Border Security Commission. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.)

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Merkley Modified Amendment No. 1237, to increase the employment of Americans by requiring State workforce agencies to certify that employers are actively recruiting Americans and that Americans are not qualified or available to fill the positions that the employer seeks to fill with H–2B non-immigrants. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Rejected:

Paul/Blunt Modified Amendment No. 1200, to provide for enhanced border security, including strong border security metrics and congressional votes on border security. (By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 154), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 156), Lee Modified Amendment No. 1208, to require fast-track congressional approval when the Secretary of Homeland Security notifies Congress of the implementation of the border security strategies and certifies that the strategies are substantially operational. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

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

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Boxer/Landrieu Amendment No. 1240, to require training for National Guard and Coast Guard officers and agents in training programs on border protection, immigration law enforcement, and how to address vulnerable populations, such as children and victims of crime.

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Cruz Amendment No. 1320, to replace title I of the bill with specific border security requirements, which shall be met before the Secretary of Homeland Security may process applications for registered immigrant status or blue card status and to avoid Department of Homeland Security budget reductions.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1251, Requiring Enforcement, Security and safety while Upgrading Lawful Trade and travel Simultaneously (RESULTS).

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Leahy (for Reed) Amendment No. 1224, to clarify the physical present requirements for merit-based immigrant visa applicants. **Pages S4656–57**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By yeas 93 to nays 4, 1 responding present (Vote No. EX. 158), Michael Froman, of New York, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Pages S4657, S4660, S4661, S4663**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4725.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Joint Strike Fighter, focusing on how restructuring has improved the program, but affordability challenges and other risks remain, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, General John M. Paxton, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant General Christopher Bogdan, Program Executive Officer F-35, and J. Michael Gilmore, Di-

rector, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary, all of the Department of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine next steps in improving passenger and freight rail safety, focusing on preliminary observations on federal rail safety oversight and positive train control implementation, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Susan A. Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; James P. Redeker, Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner, Newington; Michelle Teel, Missouri Department of Transportation Multimodal Operations Director, Jefferson City; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, and Kathryn Waters, American Public Transportation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and James A. Stem, Jr., SMART—Transportation Division, Cleveland, Ohio.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine airline industry consolidation, focusing on issues raised by the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways, after receiving testimony from Susan L. Kurland, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Doug Parker, US Airways, Tempe, Arizona; Gary F. Kennedy, American Airlines, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; and Charles A. Leocha, Consumer Travel Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.