

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Edward J. Markey, of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1297–1310, and S. Res. 196. **Page S5708**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S5713**

Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans. **Page S5691**

Swearing in of Senator Markey: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Edward J. Markey, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S5691**

Cloture Motions Withdrawn—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions with respect to the nominations of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., and Sharon Block, both of the District of Columbia, and Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, be withdrawn. **Page S5704**

Hochberg Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the

nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, occur at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. **Page S5704**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that the time until 10:00 a.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S5713**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 174), Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S5692–98, S5698–S5705**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 173), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5694–95**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2016.

Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S5715**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27,

2016, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2013.

Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2013.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—174)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5713.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2014.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014.

SITUATION IN SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Syria from Admiral James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and James N. Miller, Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to exam-

ine the Defense Production Act, focusing on issues and opportunities for reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Eric L. Hirschhorn, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security; and Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. GASOLINE AND FUEL PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine how United States gasoline and fuel prices are being affected by the current boom in domestic oil production and the restructuring of the United States refining industry and distribution system, after receiving testimony from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Jeffrey B. Hume, Continental Resources, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; William R. Klesse, Valero Energy Corporation, San Antonio, Texas; Dan Gilligan, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; Chris Plaushin, AAA, Heathrow, Florida; and Faisal Khan, Citi Research, New York, New York.

COLORADO RIVER BASIN WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND STUDY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Tanya Trujillo, Colorado River Board of California, Pasadena; Don A. Ostler, Upper Colorado River Commission, Salt Lake City, Utah; T. Darryl Vigil, Colorado River Basin Tribes Partnership, Dulce, New Mexico; Taylor E. C. Hawes, The Nature Conservancy Colorado River Program, Boulder; Kathleen Ferris, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, Phoenix; and Reagan Waskom, Colorado Water Institute, Fort Collins.

EMBASSY SECURITY AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 980, to provide for enhanced embassy security, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Starr, Acting Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, and Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, and Bill Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of High Threat Posts, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, both of the Department of State.

WARTIME CONTRACTING REFORMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine implementation of wartime contracting reforms, after receiving testimony from Richard T. Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary of State for Management; and Aman S. Djahanbani, Senior Procurement Executive and Director, Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Bureau for Management, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator

Udall (CO), testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

POOLED RETIREMENT PLANS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pooled retirement plans, focusing on challenges and prospects for employees of small businesses, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Jeszeck, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Dave Koetje, Christian Schools International, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Jim Kais, Transamerica Retirement Solutions, Ringoes, New Jersey.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2689–2702; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 301–302 were introduced. **Pages H4522–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4523–24**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1848, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–151);

H.R. 2576, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–152, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2611, to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–153);

H.R. 568, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–154);

H.R. 1211, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Free-

dom of Information Act), to provide for greater public access to information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–155);

H.R. 2067, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a separate compensation and performance management system with respect to persons holding critical scientific, technical, or professional positions within the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury (H. Rept. 113–156); and

H. Res. 300, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2668) to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2667) to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–157).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4489**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4490**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. Markey, the whole number of the House is 434.

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HIT Policy Committee—Re-appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she re-appointed Mr. Paul Egerman of Weston, MA to the HIT Policy Committee for a term of three years. **Page H4491**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Pages H4491–92**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013: H.R. 1848, amended, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 355;

Pages H4492–94, H4502–03

Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building Designation Act: H.R. 2611, to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 356; and

Pages H4494–95, H4503

Amending title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents: H.R. 2576, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 354.

Pages H4495–H4501, H4501–02

Recess: The House recessed at 5:37 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4501**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4491.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4502, H4502–03, H4503. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REFORMING THE DRUG COMPOUNDING REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled, “Reforming the Drug Compounding Regulatory Framework”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Direc-

tor, Center for Drug and Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began markup on H.R. 1582, the “Energy Consumers Relief Act 2013”; H.R. 1900, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”; H.R. 83, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop an action plan to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States; H.R. 2094, the “School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act”; H.R. 698, the “HIV Organ Policy Equity Act”; and H.R. 2052, the “Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013”.

AUTHORITY FOR MANDATE DELAY ACT; AND FAIRNESS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2667, the “Authority for Mandate Delay Act”; and H.R. 2668, the “Fairness for American Families Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–4, a closed rule for H.R. 2668. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule also provides for a closed rule for H.R. 2667. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Section 3 of the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 2668, add the text of H.R. 2667, as passed by the House, as a new matter at the end of H.R. 2668 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment. The rule provides that upon the addition of the text of H.R. 2667, as passed by the House, to the engrossment of H.R. 2668, H.R. 2667 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young (IN), and McDermott.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Missile Defense Agency, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed hearings to examine revisions to the nuclear employment strategy, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the consumer debt industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine the expansion of internet gambling, focusing on assessing consumer protection concerns, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine E-Rate 2.0, focusing on connecting every child to technology, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health information technology, focusing on quality health care, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on harnessing science and technology to protect national security and enhance government efficiency, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine working together to restore the protections of the "Voting Rights Act", focusing on Selma and Shelby County, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine small business tax reform, focusing on making the tax code work for entrepreneurs and startups, 3 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2014; and Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2014, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Security Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic—Implications for U.S. National Security and U.S. Policy Options", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, continued markup on H.R. 1582, the "Energy Consumers Relief Act 2013"; H.R. 1900, the "Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act"; H.R. 83, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop an action plan to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States; H.R. 2094, the "School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act"; H.R. 698, the "HIV Organ Policy Equity Act"; and H.R. 2052, the "Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives on TSA Acquisition Reform", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, joint hearing entitled "Evaluating Privacy, Security, and Fraud Concerns with ObamaCare's Information Sharing Apparatus", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Collections Stewardship at the Smithsonian", 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Administration's use of FISA Authorities", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee markup on H.R. 2655, the "Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of the Interior Operations, Management, and Rulemakings", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled "A Washington, DC-based Bureaucratic Invention with Potential Water Conservation and Property Rights Impacts: The National Blueways Order", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled "Why should Americans have

to comply with the laws of foreign nations?”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Border Security Oversight, Part III: Examining Asylum Requests”, 10:15 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Path Forward on Postal Reform”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act”; H.R. 2610, the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014”; and H.R. 2397, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Internal Revenue Service and Small Businesses: Ensuring Fair Treatment”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Causes of Delays to the FAA’s NextGen Program”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, legislative hearing on the following: H.R. 813, the “Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013”; H.R. 806, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the requirement for annual reports on Comptroller General reviews of the accuracy of Department of Veterans

Affairs medical budget submissions, and for other purposes; and a Draft Discussion Bill “To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes”, 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 2086, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2423, the “Disabled Veterans’ Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act”, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Obama Administration’s recent decision to delay the information reporting requirements and penalties associated with the employer mandate in the Affordable Care Act until 2015, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “What Really Works: Evaluating Current Efforts to Help Families Support their Children and Escape Poverty”, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 3:30 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 10 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2667—Authority for Mandate Delay Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 2668—Fairness for American Families Act (Subject to a Rule).

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