

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5717–S5758

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1311–1317, and S. Res. 197. **Page S5755**

Measures Passed:

Charles W. Morgan: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 183, commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5757–58**

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. **Pages S5717–18**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16) **Page S5753**

Perez Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S5737–49**

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

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 177), 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 S5736–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2013, and that all time during adjournment, morning business, legislative session and recess count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S5758**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 82 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 176), Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Pages S5718–36**

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

By 82 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 175), 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. **Page S5718**

Messages from the House: **Page S5754**

Measures Referred: **Page S5754**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S5754, S5758**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5757**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—177) **Pages S5718, S5736–37**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5758.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr., Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., and Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Adam Cooper, Citadel LLC, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, and Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, all of Chicago, Illinois; Gene Guilford, Commodity Market Oversight Coalition, Cromwell, Connecticut; John Heck, The Scoular Company, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Donald Russak, New York Power Authority, White Plains, New York, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; and Jim Colby, Honeywell International Inc., Morristown, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management: Senators Donnelly (Chair), Baucus, Heitkamp, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, Hoeven, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation: Senators Heitkamp (Chair), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Donnelly, Casey, Johanns, Hoeven, Grassley, Thune, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources: Senators Bennet (Chair), Harkin, Klobuchar, Leahy, Baucus, Heitkamp, Boozman, McConnell, Chambliss, Thune, and Roberts.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research: Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Bennet, Hoeven, McConnell, Chambliss, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Klobuchar, Donnelly, Casey, Roberts, McConnell, Boozman, Johanns, and Grassley.

Senators Stabenow and Cochran are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral James Syring, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

MAJOR THREATS FACING NAVY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats from Vice Admiral Joseph P. Aucoin, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (N9), and Arthur H. Barber III, Deputy Director, Assessment Division (N81B), Joshua J. Corless, Senior Intelligence Advisor, and Jason A. Reynolds, Director, Special Programs (N89), all of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a closed hearing to examine revisions to the nuclear employment strategy, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

CONSUMER DEBT INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the consumer debt industry, after receiving testimony from Corey Stone, Assistant Director, Office of Deposits, Cash, Collections, and Reporting Markets, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and James Reilly Dolan, Acting Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, Federal Trade Commission.

EXPANSION OF INTERNET GAMBLING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine the expansion of internet gambling, focusing on assessing consumer protection concerns, after receiving testimony from Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, and Matt Smith, Catholic Advocate, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Grissen, Daon, Reston, Virginia; and Jack A. Blum, Annapolis, Maryland.