

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5759–S5806

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1318–1336, and S. Res. 198. **Pages S5799–S5800**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–77)

S. 1329, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–78) **Page S5799**

Measures Passed:

Farm Bill: Senate passed H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 954, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Pages S5794–95**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees with a ratio of 7:5 on the part of the Senate. **Page S5794**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and

related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. **Pages S5759–61, S5787–94, S5795**

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 Thursday, July 18, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back and Senate vote on the motion to proceed; that if the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill is adopted, the text of H.R. 2610, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, be deemed House passed text for the purposes of Rule XVI. **Page S5795**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 178), Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S5767–76, S5806**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 180), Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S5776–87, S5806**

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

By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 179), 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 S5785**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-proliferation, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Nisha Desai Biswal, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

Julia Frifield, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Martha L. Minow, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

Joseph Pius Pietrzyk, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014. **Page S5806**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—180) **Pages S5775–76, S5785, S5787**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 12:15 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5806.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1329) making appropriations for Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and

Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

An original bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Jason Furman, of New York, to be a Member and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Kara Marlene Stein, of Maryland, Michael Sean Piwowar, of Virginia, and Mary Jo White, of New York, all to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of clean energy finance in the United States and opportunities to facilitate greater investment in domestic clean energy technology development and deployment, after receiving testimony from Peter Davidson, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, Department of Energy; Richard L. Kauffman, New York State Chairman of Energy and Finance, Albany; Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and Nicolas Loris, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Will Coleman, OnRamp Capital, San Francisco, California.