

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5809–S5850*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced as follows: S. 1337–1348. **Pages S5839–40**

**Measures Considered:**

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, the text of H.R. 2610, as reported by the House Committee on Appropriations, was deemed House passed text for the purpose of Rule XVI, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5809–28**

Adopted:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 182), Vitter Amendment No. 1744, to prohibit funds to be used to provide housing assistance benefits to individuals convicted of certain felonies. **Pages S5827–28**

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

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 181), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5817**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, Senator Portman be recognized to call up Amendment No. 1749. **Page S5828**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. **Page S5850**

**Chestnut and Gibson Moment of Silence—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3:40 p.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detec-

tive John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police, who were killed 15 years ago in the line of duty defending this Capitol, the people who work here, and its visitors against an armed intruder. **Page S5850**

**Smarter Solutions for Students Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1911, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level; that the only first-degree amendment in order to the bill be a Manchin-Burr Amendment, the text of which is at the desk; that the only second-degree amendments in order to the Manchin-Burr Amendment, be the following, the text of each is at the desk: Reed-Warren, and Sanders; that there be up to one hour of debate equally divided between proponents and opponents on each amendment; that there be three hours of debate on the bill equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member, or their designees, with Senator Boxer controlling 30 minutes of the Democratic time and Senator Reed controlling 15 minutes of the Democratic time; that no points of order or motions be in order other than the budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the second-degree amendments in the order listed; that upon disposition of the Sanders Amendment, Senate vote on or in relation to the Manchin-Burr Amendment, as amended, if amended; that upon disposition of the Manchin-Burr Amendment, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that all of the amendments and passage of the bill be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that there be two minutes equally divided between the votes; finally, all after the first vote be ten minute votes. **Page S5850**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S5817, S5827–28**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5850.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Chambliss and Representative Bishop, and Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs for fiscal year 2014.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2014.

### FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine financial holding companies, focusing on if banks should control power plants, warehouses, and oil refineries, after receiving testimony from Saule T. Omarova, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Joshua Rosner, Graham Fisher and Co., and Randall D. Guynn, Davis Polk and Wardwell LLP, both of New York, New York; and Tim Weiner, MillerCoors LLC, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

### HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine creating a housing finance system built to last, focusing on ensuring access for community institutions, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Sandra Thompson, Deputy Director, Division of Housing Mission and Goals, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Jack Hartings, The Peoples Bank Co., Coldwater, Ohio, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Bill Hampel, Credit Union National Association, Lorton, Virginia; Andrew J. Jetter, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas; and Michael Middleton, Community Bank of Tri-County, LaPlata, Maryland, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

### IMPACT OF SEQUESTRATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of sequestration on national security and the economy, after receiving testimony from Mark N. Klett, Klett Consulting Group, Inc, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Robert O. Work, Center for a New American Security, Baker Spring, The Heritage Foundation, and Thomas M. Donnelly, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer-Cari Green, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL–CIO.

### MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine New England and mid-Atlantic perspectives on “Magnuson-Stevens Act” reauthorization, after receiving testimony from John K. Bullard, Northeast Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service,