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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,

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; C. M. Cunningham Jr., New England Fishery Management Council, Newburyport, Massachusetts; Richard B. Robins, Jr., Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Dover, Delaware; Nick Muto, Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, Brewster, Massachusetts; John McMurray, "One More Cast" Charters, Oceanside, New York; John Boreman, North Carolina State University, Durham; Joshua B. Wiersma, Northeast Fishery Sectors XI and XII, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Patrick Paquette, Hyannis, Massachusetts.

## FAIR ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1273, to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Pamela K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition; Cathie J. France, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Deputy Director for Energy Policy, Richmond; Mayor Charlotte Brower, North Slope Borough, Alaska; and Reggie Dupre, Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, Houma, Louisiana; Ryan Alexander, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Randall Luthi, National Ocean Industries Association, and Athan Manuel, Sierra Club Lands Protection Program, all of Washington, D.C.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Senators Baucus (Chair), Carper, Cardin, Sanders, Udall (NM), Gillibrand, Hirono, Barrasso, Inhofe, Sessions, Crapo, Wicker, and Fischer.

*Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety:* Senators Carper (Chair), Baucus, Cardin, Sanders, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Sessions, Barrasso, Crapo, Wicker, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife:* Senators Cardin (Chair), Carper, Whitehouse, Merkley, Gillibrand, Hirono, Boozman, Inhofe, Barrasso, Sessions, and Fischer.

*Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health:* Senators Udall (NM) (Chair), Baucus, Merkley, Gillibrand, Hirono, Crapo, Inhofe, Wicker, and Fischer.

*Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy:* Senators Merkley (Chair), Carper, Sanders, Wicker, and Sessions.

*Subcommittee on Oversight:* Senators Whitehouse (Chair), Baucus, Hirono, Inhofe, and Boozman.

Senators Boxer and Vitter are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, James J. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and Avi Garbow, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Y. Yun, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Daniel A. Clune, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Morrell John Berry, of Maryland, who was introduced by Representative Hoyer, to be Ambassador to Australia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on nuclear employment from Rose Gottemoeller, Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; Madelyn Creedon, Assistant Secretary for Global Security Affairs, General Robert Kehler, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Mike Elliott, Deputy Director for Strategic Stability, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, United States Strategic Command Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense; and Kevin Greenough, National Nuclear Security Administration Defense Programs, Department of Energy.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 156, expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Daniel

Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, and 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, all of the Department of State.

### IMPROVING MILITARY AND VETERANS EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 90/10 rule, focusing on improving educational outcomes for our military and veterans, after receiving testimony from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Robert M. Worley II, Director, Education Service, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Hollister K. Petraeus, Assistant Director, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Steve Gunderson, The Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, and Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Sergeant Christopher J. Pantzke, USA (Ret.), Prince George, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, and Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, after the nominees, who were both introduced by

Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### PAY-FOR-DELAY DEALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine pay-for-delay deals, focusing on competition and consumers, including S. 214, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, after receiving testimony from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; Robert G. Romasco, AARP, Diane E. Bieri, Arnold and Porter LLP, and Mike Russo, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael A. Carrier, Rutgers Law School, Camden, New Jersey; Jonathan M. Orszag, Compass Lexecon, West Palm Beach, Florida; and Sumanth Addanki, NERA Economic Consulting, White Plains, New York.

### SEQUESTRATION'S EFFECT ON THE COURTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine how sequestration is affecting the courts, after receiving testimony from Julia S. Gibbons, Judge, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Chair, Committee on the Budget of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Michael S. Nachmanoff, Eastern District of Virginia Federal Public Defender, Alexandria, on behalf of the Federal Public and Community Defenders; and W. West Allen, Federal Bar Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### 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.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 2788–2791, 2793–2803 were introduced. **Pages H4978–79**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4979–80**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as followed:

H.R. 2787, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Re-

lated Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–171);

H.R. 2786, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–172);

H.R. 2792, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30,