

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5989–S6028

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1379–1384. **Page S6023**

Measures Reported:

S. 534, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–82)

S. 783, to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–83) **Page S6023**

Measures Passed:

Battle of Lake Erie 200th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 153, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6027–28**

Asia-Pacific Maritime Domains: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1819, to amend the preamble. **Page S6026**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate resumed 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5996–97**

Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck. **Page S5996**

Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability. **Page S5996**

Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees. **Page S5996**

Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Page S5996**

Murphy Amendment No. 1783, to require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver. **Page S5996**

Jones Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. **Page S5994**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. **Page S5994**

Power Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of 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. **Page S5994**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. **Page S5994**

Hirozawa Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S6028**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 93 yeas to 1 nay, 2 responding present (Vote No. EX. 188), James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years. **Pages S5997–S6004**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was withdrawn. **Pages S6003–04**

Messages from the House: **Page S6009**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S6009, S6028**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S6009–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6023–24**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6008–09**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6024–26**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—188) **Page S6004**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6028.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D753)

H.R. 2289, to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA. Signed on July 25, 2013. (Public Law 113–22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Cecil E.D. Haney, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Lieutenant General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces

Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine mitigating systemic risk in financial markets through Wall Street reforms, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine containing health care costs, focusing on recent progress and remaining challenges, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 134, to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children, S. Res. 157, expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas, S. 267, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures, S. 269, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, S. 839, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, S. 1068, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, S. 1072, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, S. 1144, to prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1317, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016, S. 1344, to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic, an original bill entitled, "Cyber", the nominations