

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6029–S6082*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1385–1400, and S. Res. 202–206. **Pages S6071–72**

**Measures Passed:**

***Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 2611, to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”. **Pages S6081–82**

***Reverse Mortgage Stabilization Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2167, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6082**

***Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S6082**

***National Whistleblower Appreciation Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, designating July 30, 2013, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”. **Page S6082**

***National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 204, designating August 7, 2013, as “National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day”. **Page S6082**

***National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 205, expressing support for the designation of September 2013 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. **Page S6082**

***National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 206, designating September 2013 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S6082**

**Measures Considered:**

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** Senate continued 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 and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6051–52**

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 S6051**

Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability. **Page S6051**

Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees. **Page S6051**

Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Page S6051**

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 S6051**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, August 1, 2013. **Page S6051**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 31, 2013; that the pending amendments be set aside and Senator Paul be recognized to offer Amendment No. 1739; that there be 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 1739; and that no points of order or second-degree amendments be in order to Paul Amendment No. 1739 prior to the vote. **Page S6082**

**Power Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, be withdrawn and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, notwithstanding Rule XXII, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination; that there be two hours for debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order; and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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**Jones Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of Paul Amendment No. 1739 to 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, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 190), Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 189), 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.

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By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 192), Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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

By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 191), 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.

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By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 194), Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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

By 69 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 193), 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.

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Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2015.

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Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2017.

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**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Nicholas Christopher Geale, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2016.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—194)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6082.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2014.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Susan J. Rabern, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, and 2,256 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### WALL STREET REFORMS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine mitigating systemic risk in financial markets through Wall Street reforms, after receiving testimony from Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### HEALTH CARE COSTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care costs, focusing on recent progress and remaining challenges, after receiving testimony from Len M. Nichols, George Mason University College of Health and Human Services Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, Fairfax, Virginia; and Kavita K. Patel, The Brookings Institution Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, and Joseph R. Antos, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, DC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 134, to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1072, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1344, to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, Bruce M. Ramer, of California, Brent Franklin