

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6547–6609

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1515–1525, and S. Res. 237–240. **Page S6597**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 237, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 238, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 239, authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. **Page S6596**

Measures Passed:

National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 164, designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6608**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, designating the week beginning September 15, 2013, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S6609**

Measures Considered:

Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1392, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6554–88**

Pending:

Wyden (for Merkley) Amendment No. 1858, to provide for a study and report on standby usage power standards implemented by States and other industrialized nations. **Page S6555**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 2013. **Page S6609**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information, including a technical annex and security annex (collectively referred to as the “ATOMAL Agreement”); which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–20) **Page S6594**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21) **Page S6594**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6609**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine recovering from Superstorm Sandy, focusing on assessing the progress, continuing needs, and rebuilding strategy, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Chair, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force; and Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

BIGGERT-WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012, focusing on one year after enactment and additional challenges for FEMA to address, after receiving testimony from Senators Vitter and Landrieu; Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Christine Shirley, National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator for the State of Oregon, Eugene; Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; and Birny Birnbaum, The Center for Economic Justice, Austin, Texas.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Committee on the Budget: Committee and the Government Performance Task Force concluded a hearing to examine enhancing accountability and increasing financial transparency, focusing on the status of transparency efforts under way and the extent to which new initiatives address lessons learned from the Recovery Act, after receiving testimony from Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Thomas Lee, Sunlight Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald J. Kane, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and

Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP-21) provisions to accelerate project delivery, after receiving testimony from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, and Joseph W. Come, Assistant Inspector General for Highway and Transit Audits, both of the Department of Transportation; Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Nancy H. Sutley, Council on Environmental Quality.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; and

The nominations of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee from October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015.

FEDERAL MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reevaluating the effectiveness of