

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 527, Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6611–S6672

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1526–1535, and S. Res. 241–250. **Pages S6646–47**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 241, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 243, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 244, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 245, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 249, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 250, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. **Page S6646**

Measures Passed:

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and the bill was then passed (by 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 203)), after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6632–34**

Adopted:

Wyden Amendment No. 1960, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6632–34**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Page S6672**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 247, designating the week of September 16 through September 20, 2013, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States. **Page S6672**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 248, designating September 22, 2013, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Page S6672**

Measures Considered:

Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1392, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6620–27**

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 S6620**

Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, from the House, the measure be placed on the Calendar; with a motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution not in order until Monday, September 23, 2013. **Page S6632**

Hughes Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:15 a.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S6672**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—203) **Page S6634**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:17 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6672.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, who was introduced by former Senator Kent Conrad, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, and Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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

The nominations of Gregory Dainard Winfree, of New York, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member, and Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman and a Member, both of the National Transportation Safety Board.