

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6905–S6969

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1552–1555, and S. Res. 261–263. **Page S6960**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6968**

Tester (for Carper) Amendment No. 1998, to change the enactment date. **Page S6968**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 261, designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S6968**

Suicide Prevention Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness. **Pages S6968–69**

Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974, to perfect the joint resolution. **Page S6907**

Reid Amendment No. 1975 (to Amendment No. 1974), to change the enactment date. **Page S6907**

Reid Motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1976, to change the enactment date. **Page S6907**

Reid Amendment No. 1977 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1976), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6907**

Reid Amendment No. 1978 (to Amendment No. 1977), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6907**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Friday,

September 27, 2013, the time until 12:10 p.m. be equally divided between proponents and opponents of the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution; that the time from 12:10 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. be reserved for the two Leaders, with the final ten minutes under control of the Majority Leader; that at 12:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back; Reid Amendment No. 1975 (listed above) be withdrawn; that no other amendments be in order; that the Majority Leader be recognized to make a motion to waive applicable budget points of order; that if a motion to waive is agreed to, Senate vote, on or in relation to Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974 (listed above); that upon disposition of Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974, the joint resolution be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, as amended, if amended; and that all after the first vote in this sequence of votes be ten minute votes and there be two minutes equally divided between the votes. **Pages S6947–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013, under the previous order; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to the joint resolution be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013. **Page S6969**

House Messages:

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to 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. **Pages S6932–33**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6969.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, who was introduced by Senators Shaheen and Isakson, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 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 Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, and Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROMOTING A 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, part II, focusing on promoting a 21st century workforce, including health and pension benefits proposals involv-

ing trade-offs, and S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Jonathan Foley, Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management; Frank Todisco, Chief Actuary, Applied Research and Methods, and John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, both of the Government Accountability Office; Fredric V. Rolando, National Association of Letter Carriers, John F. Hegarty, National Postal Mail Handlers Union, Robert J. Rapoza, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, all of Washington, D.C.

NEWBORN SCREENING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine how newborn screening saves lives, focusing on the past, present, and future of the newborn screening system, after receiving testimony from Natasha F. Bonhomme, Baby's First Test, and Jennifer L. Howse, March of Dimes Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; R. Rodney Howell, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida; and Joye Mullis, Raleigh, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Zachary Thomas Fardon, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Department of Justice.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, focusing on the NSA call records program, after receiving testimony from James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; General Keith Alexander, Director, National Security Agency; James Cole, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Ben Wittes, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Tim Edgar, Brown University Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, Rhode Island.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3184–3199; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 360 were introduced. **Pages H5882–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5884–85**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1493, to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–230)

H. Res. 361, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–231). **Page H5882**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5835**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5841**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 137 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 488. **Pages H5842, H5848**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 25th:

Ensuring that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rule-making proceeding: H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 486 and **Pages H5846–47**

Amending the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums: H.R. 2600, to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay

vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 487. **Pages H5847–48**

Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013: The House began consideration of H.R. 687, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, September 27th. **Pages H5848–63**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5854**

Rejected:

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–215) that sought to guarantee the jobs this mine does create benefit the local community by requiring that the Remote Operating Center be located in the town of Superior, Arizona or an adjacent mining community (by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 489) and **Pages H5856–57, H5862**

Napolitano amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–215) that sought to protect water quality and water quantity for the people living and working near this proposed mine, given estimates that mining operations will consume the equivalent of the annual water supply for 20,000 homes (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 217 noes, Roll No. 490). **Pages H5860–62, H5862–63**

Proceedings Postponed:

Ben Ray Luján (NM) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to require the Secretary to remove Native American sacred and cultural sites from the conveyance in consultation with affected Indian Tribes. **Pages H5857–60**

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 687), (H.R. 1526), and (H.R. 3102) was agreed to on Thursday, September 19th.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5841, H5871.

Senate Referral: S. 252 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H5881**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5846–47, H5847–48, H5848, H5862, H5862–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Long-Term Budget Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

CLOSER LOOK AT CUBA AND ITS RECENT HISTORY OF PROLIFERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “A Closer Look at Cuba and its Recent History of Proliferation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FULFILLING A KEY 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: IMPLEMENTING BIOMETRIC EXIT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Fulfilling A Key 9/11 Commission Recommendation: Implementing Biometric Exit”. Testimony was heard from John Wagner, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John Woods, Assistant Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES; AND RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL H.R. 2642

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 361 waiving a requirement of clause

6(a) of rule xiii with respect to considerations of certain resolutions reported from the committee on rules, and relating to consideration of the senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes. The Committee granted by record vote of 9–3, a rule, which waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 30, 2013, relating to any of the following: (1) A measure making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and (2) a measure relating to the public debt limit. In Section 2, the rule provides that the House concurs in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642 with an amendment consisting of the text of H.R. 2642, as passed by the House, modified by the insertion of a new title IV consisting of the text of H.R. 3102, as passed by the House, with designations, short titles, and cross-references conformed accordingly.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, September 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 59, Continuing Appropriations Resolution. At approximately 12:30 p.m., there will be up to four votes on or in relation to cloture on the joint resolution, a motion to waive budget points of order, Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 1974, and passage of the joint resolution. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the joint resolution is 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1412—Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013, as amended; 2) H.R. 185—To designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse; 3) H.R. 2251—To designate the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the “Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse”; and 4) H.R. 3096—To designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the “Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center”.

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