

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7245–S7274

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1568. **Page S7271**

Kumar Nomination—Joint Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that as if in Executive Session the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received in the Senate on October 7, 2013, be jointly referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S7272**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 213), Colin Stirling Bruce, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Pages S7265–67, S7274**

Sara Lee Ellis, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S7265–67, S7274**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kelly R. Welsh, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Helen Tierney, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—213) **Page S7267**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7272.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security disability benefits, after receiving testimony from Charlie P. Andrus, Administrative Law Judge, and Sarah A. Carver, Senior Case Technician, and Jennifer L. Griffith, both of the Office of Adjudication and Review, all of the Social Security Administration; Alfred Bradley Adkins, Pikeville, Kentucky; Srini M. Ammisetty, Stanville, Kentucky; Jamie Slone; and Melinda L. Martin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3271–3272 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6344**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 1804, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress semiannual reports on the cost of foreign travel made by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 113–227, Pt. 2). **Page H6343**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6323**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6325**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H6325**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. **Page H6326**

Food and Drug Administration Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014: The House passed H.J. Res. 77, making continuing appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration for fiscal year 2014, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 528. **Pages H6326–34**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Farr motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 527. **Pages H6332–34**

H. Res. 371, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Friday, October 4th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6333–34 and H6334. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine security and governance in Somalia, focusing on consolidating gains, confronting challenges, and charting the path forward, 3 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 8 through October 11, 2013

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 10, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Lumpkin, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 9, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on essential elements of the multifamily housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD–538.

October 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of a default on financial stability and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 11, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of the Government shutdown on economic security, Time to be announced, SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 8, business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the

Interior, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: October 10, to hold hearings to examine the debt limit, 8:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 8, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine security and governance in Somalia, focusing on consolidating gains, confronting challenges, and charting the path forward, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 8, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 10, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 10, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The Interpretation of HR 3210: ‘Pay Our Military Act’”, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 10, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Nuclear Weapons Modernization Program: Military, Technical, and Political Requirements for the B61 Life Extension Program and Future Stockpile Strategy”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 10, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on USAF, USN and USMC Development and Integration of Air/Sea Battle Strategy, Governance and Policy into the Services’ Annual Program, Planning, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) Process, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Haiti: Is U.S. Aid Effective?”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 10, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3212, the “Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 9, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3141, the “Biometric Exit Improvement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3202, the “Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act”; 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From al-Shabaab to al-Nusra: How Westerners Joining Terror Groups Overseas Affect the Homeland”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “DHS Financial Man-

agement: Investigating DHS’s Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Facility Protection: Implications of the Navy Yard Shooting on Homeland Security”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Implementation of an Entry-Exit System: Still Waiting After All These Years”, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 10, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 3176, to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3189, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the IRS’s Role in Implementing and Enforcing ObamaCare”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Effects of the Health Law’s Definition of Full-Time Employee on Small Businesses”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 10, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Bungling Bundling: How Contract Bundling and Consolidation Remain Challenges to Small Business Success”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation Regulations: Impacts on Safety, Security, Jobs and the Environment, Part 2”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 10, Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation will hold a hearing entitled “Funding the Nation’s Freight System”, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Effect of Government Shutdown on VA Benefits and Services to Veterans”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 10, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Between Peril and Promise: Facing the Dangers of VA’s Skyrocketing Use of Prescription Painkillers to Treat Veterans”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 10, Full Committee, meeting on Member Access Requests, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing may close.

October 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10:30 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business for debate only until 12:30 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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