

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1576–1593, S.J. Res. 26, and S. Res. 275. **Page S7574**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 112th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 113–115)

S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–114) **Page S7574**

Measures Passed:

Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 893, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. **Page S7581**

National Technological Innovation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 275, designating October 29, 2013, as “National Technological Innovation Day” to recognize that technological innovation is critical to the United States economy and commemorating the contributions of innovation to prosperity in the United States and abroad. **Page S7581**

Debt Limit Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, the Republican Leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the President’s exercise of authority to increase the debt limit; that the time until 12:30 p.m., be for debate on the motion to proceed, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on adoption of the motion to proceed; that if the motion is successful, then the time for debate with respect to the joint resolution be equally divided be-

tween the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provisions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect. **Page S7580**

Estevez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S7565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. **Page S7565**

Archuleta Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management. **Page S7565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S7565**

Wheeler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S7565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management. **Page S7565**

Lew Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; United States Governor of the Inter-

American Development Bank; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. **Pages S7565–66**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S7566**

Watt Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S7566**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. **Page S7566**

Millett Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S7566**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S7566**

Griffin Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, scheduled for 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 28, 2013, be scheduled to occur on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S7566**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of S. J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with up to two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S7566**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alfredo J. Balsera, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2014.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Ronald J. Binz, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on June 27, 2013. **Page S7582**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7581.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN LIBYA AND SOMALIA

Committee on Armed Services: On Thursday, October 17, 2013, Committee received a closed briefing on United States military operations in Libya and Somalia from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and A. Elizabeth Jones, Acting Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, both of the Department of State; Garry Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, Brigadier General Scott A. Howell, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations/Counterterrorism, Joint Staff, and Rob Park,