

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,

Acting Deputy for Legal Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense; Robert J. Holley, Deputy Assistant Director of Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Department of Justice; and Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Principal Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3343–3360; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 392, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 391, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 992) to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2374) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–253).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment on October 24, 2013 of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Boehner; The members of the Florida delegation: Representatives Brown, Hastings, Mica, Crenshaw, Miller, Diaz-Balart, Wasserman Schultz, Bilirakis, Buchanan, Castor, Posey, Rooney, Deutch, Nugent, Ross, Southerland, Webster, Wilson, Grayson, DeSantis, Frankel, Garcia, Murphy, Radel, and Yoho; and Representatives Cantor, Pelosi, Hoyer, McCarthy (CA), Young (AK), Sensenbrenner, Rogers (KY), Wolf, Visclosky, Bishop (GA), Calvert, McKeon, Frelinghuysen, Jackson Lee, Latham, Price (NC), Aderholt, Granger, Sessions, Carter, Cole, King (IA), Gohmert, Roe (TN), Nunnelee, and Womack.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Authorizing and requesting the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict:* H.R. 3304, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor;

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*Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2013:* H.R. 1742, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance;

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*Establishing a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs:* H.R. 2189, amended, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 561;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To improve the processing of disability claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

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*Veterans Economic Opportunity Act of 2013:* H.R. 2481, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify and improve the election requirements for the receipt of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to benefits, and for other purposes."

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*Amending title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued*