

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7637–S7687

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1611–1626, and S. Res. 277–278. **Pages S7673–74**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

H.R. 2747, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7673**

Measures Passed:

CHIMP Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7684–85**

United States Parole Commission Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 3190, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission. **Page S7685**

School Bus Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 278, designating October 2013 as "School Bus Safety Month". **Pages S7685–86**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 62, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S7686**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–23) **Page S7670**

Suh Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, sent to the Senate by the President on October 30, 2013, be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S7684**

Watt Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, with the time until 12 noon equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees; and that following the swearing in of Senator-elect Booker, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, and that there be two minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to a cloture vote on the nomination. **Pages S7663–64, S7686**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Pages S7639–46, S7687**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 223), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 224), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was withdrawn.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Mark Gilbert, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to New Zealand.

Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Massie Ritsch, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—225) **Pages S7641, S7647, S7663**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7686.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

JOBS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the JOBS Act at a year and a half, focusing on assessing progress and unmet opportunities, after receiving testimony from Keith Higgins, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission; Alan Lewis, Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc., Denver, Colorado; Robert R. Kaplan, Jr., Kaplan Voekler Cunningham and Frank, PLC, Richmond, Virginia; Rick Fleming, North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Burke, Virginia; and Sherwood Neiss, Crowdfund Capital Advisors LLC, Miami, Florida.

TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Ducker, FedEx Express, Memphis, Tennessee; Ryan McCormick, Montana Grain Growers Association, Great Falls; Dave Ricks, Lilly Biomedicines, Indianapolis, Indiana; and William P. Roenigk, National Chicken Council, Washington, DC.