

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-elect Cory Booker, of New Jersey, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7689–S7779

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1627–1638, S.J. Res. 27, and S. Res. 279–284. **Pages S7728–29**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya.

S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1631, to consolidate the congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes. **Page S7724**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2009, the text of S. 601, Senate companion measure, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7778**

Adopted:

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2009, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7778**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 5 to 3. **Page S7778**

School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Senate passed 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 ad-

minister epinephrine and meeting other related requirements). **Page S7778**

C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3302, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", and the bill was then passed.

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Corporation for National and Community Service 20th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Corporation for National and Community Service. **Page S7778**

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 283, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S7778**

Measures Considered:

Employment Non-Discrimination Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. **Page S7777**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 31, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur following disposition of the nomination of Debra M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013. **Page S7777**

Swearing in of Senator Booker: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-

elect Cory Booker, of the State of New Jersey, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Watt Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 226), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination.

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Millett Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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

By 55 yeas to 38 nays, 3 responding present (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination.

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Woods and Brown Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, November 4, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—227) Pages S7706, S7708

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:11 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7779.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Michael D. Lumpkin, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, Kenneth L. Mossman, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 394 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on a government guarantee for mortgage-backed securities, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Joseph Tracy, Executive Vice President and Special Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New Canaan, Connecticut; Phillip L.

Swagel, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park; Michael Canter, AllianceBernstein, Larchmont, New York, on behalf of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association; and David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association, Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya;

S. Res. 277, recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; and

The nominations of Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, 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, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assist-

ant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, all of the Department of State.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Syria, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Ford, Ambassador to Syria, and Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Frederic C. Hof, Atlantic Council Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, and Leslie H. Gelb, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel W. Johannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, and Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NAVY YARD TRAGEDY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine government clearances and background checks, and the extent that executive branch agencies have metrics to help determine the quality of the security clearance process, focusing on the Navy Yard tragedy, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Jordan, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Elaine Kaplan, Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management; Brian A. Prioletti, Assistant Director, Special Security Directorate, National Counterintelligence Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Stephen Lewis, Deputy Director for Personnel, Industrial and Physical Security Policy, Directorate of Security Policy and Oversight, Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; and Brenda S.

Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

ATTAINING A QUALITY DEGREE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine attaining a quality degree, focusing on innovations to improve student success, after receiving testimony from Richard Kazis, Jobs for the Future, Boston, Massachusetts; William E. Kirwan, University System of Maryland, Adelphi; R. Scott Ralls, North Carolina Community College System, Raleigh; Tim Hall, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee; and Paul LeBlanc, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA test-

ing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, with amendments; and

The nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, and Beth Labson Freeman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "FISA Improvements Act".

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 62.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, November 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 815, Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Debra M. Brown, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 815, Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 62.



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