

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

Senate continued in the session that began on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. See next volume of the Congressional Record.

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**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1799–1804, S.J. Res. 28–29, and S. Res. 317–318. **Pages S8667–68**

**Measures Considered:**

**Workforce Investment Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), Cornelia T. L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8609–67, S8675**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—256) **Page S8667**

**Evening Session:** Senate convened at 2 p.m., and continued in evening session. (For complete Digest of today's proceedings, see next volume of the Congressional Record.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine rebuilding American manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Suzanne Berger, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Production in the Innovation Economy Commission, Boston; Leo Hindery, Jr., New America Foundation, New York, New York; Derek Scissors, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland; and Julie Skirvin, Oregon Iron Works, Portland.

#### DOMESTIC RENEWABLE FUELS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a joint oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, after receiving testimony from Christopher Grundler, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Steven Chalk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Renewable Power, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Wesley Clark, Growth Energy, Little Rock, Arkansas; James C. Collins, Jr., E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Charles T. Drevna, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, Jon Holzfaster, National Corn Growers Association, and Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group, all of Washington, DC.; and Brooke Coleman, Advanced Ethanol Council, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, and Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

**OVERSEAS TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine streamlining overseas trade and development agencies, focusing on a more efficient and effective government, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth L. Littlefield, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and Leocadia I. Zak, Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Pro-

gram, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Timothy J. Greene, Makah Tribal Council, Neah Bay, Washington; Ivan Posey, Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, Billings; and Grant Stafne, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine continued oversight of the United States government surveillance authorities, after receiving testimony from General Keith B. Alexander, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service; James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Robert S. Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Edward J. Black, The Computer and Communications Industry Association, Julian Sanchez, Cato Institute, and Carrie F. Cordero, Georgetown University Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, after the nominees, who were both introduced by Senator King, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS CLAIMS SYSTEM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Veterans Affairs (VA) claims system, focusing on a review of the Veterans Affairs' transformation progress, after receiving testimony from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration.

**MEDICATION LABELING MISTAKES**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting seniors from medication labeling mistakes, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Doris Peter, Consumer Reports Health Ratings Center, Yonkers, New York; Richard J. Scholz, Jacobs Scholz and Associates, LLC, Fernandina Beach, Florida; and Gerald K. McEvoy, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Bethesda, Maryland.