

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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

Routine Proceedings, pages S8607–S8778

Measures Introduced: On Thursday, December 12, 2013, eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1805–1822, and S. Res. 319.
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Session: Senate convened at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, and continued in session. (For complete *Digest* of today's proceedings, see next volume of the Congressional Record.)

Measures Reported:

S. 1360, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals. (S. Rept. No. 113–124)
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Measures Passed:

Space Launch Liability Indemnification Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:
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Nelson Amendment No. 2544, in the nature of a substitute.
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Nelson Amendment No. 2545, to amend the title.
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Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives H.R. 3458, to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments from the House of Representatives and the bill is identical to S. 1689, as introduced, then the bill be considered as having been read three times and passed.
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James Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 257), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 260), Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 262), Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 261), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 264), Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8724**

By 75 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. **Pages S8750–57, S8778**

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

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 265), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8750**

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 268), Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. **Pages S8763, S8778**

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

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8757**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S8777**

Messages from the House: **Page S8667, S8770**

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Quorum Calls: Seven quorum calls were taken today. (Total—11) **Pages S8677–78, S8711, S8717, S8724, S8750, S8757**

Record Votes: Thirteen record votes were taken today. (Total—269) **Pages S8678, S8711, S8716–17, S8723–24, S8750, S8756–57, S8763–64**

Committee Meetings

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Joint Meetings

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, and John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, both of the Department of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 11 a.m., SD–215.