

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8823–S8867

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1828–1832, and S. Res. 322. **Page S8845**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.

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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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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: William A. Reinsch of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2015, and The Honorable Carte P. Goodwin of West Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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Mayorkas Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. **Page S8836**

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

By 53 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination. **Page S8836**

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 on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. **Page S8836**

Koskinen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S8836**

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination. **Page S8836**

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 Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S8836–37**

Davis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S8837**

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 John Andrew Koskinen, of the

District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S8837**

Yellen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S8837**

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 Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S8837**

Gibson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S8837**

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 Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S8837**

Sewall Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights). **Page S8837**

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 Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S8837–38**

Connor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S8838**

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 Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights). **Page S8838**

Raskin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S8838**

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 Sen-

ate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S8838**

Wright Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. **Page S8838**

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 Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S8838**

Engler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. **Page S8838**

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 Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. **Page S8838**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 78 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). **Pages S8834, S8867**

By 78 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 276), Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S8835, S8867**

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

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 275), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8834–35**

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—13) **Page S8834**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—278) **Pages S8834–36**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8862.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 425 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3373–3386; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 446–447 were introduced. **Page H8117**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8118**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–295);

H.R. 2954, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (H. Rept. 113–296);

H.R. 1170, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–297); and

H.R. 585, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City (H. Rept. 113–298). **Page H8117**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Sensenbrenner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8115**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H8115**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8116.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and Marc A. Kastner, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, both of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish

and Wildlife, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of Environmental Protection Agency, and Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine responding to the humanitarian, security and governance crisis in the Central Africa Republic, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, all of the Department of State, 4 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Navy Yard tragedy, focusing on the physical security for Federal facilities, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting small businesses and promoting innovation by limiting patent troll abuse, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Arbitration Act and access to justice, focusing on if recent Supreme Court decisions undermine the rights of consumers, workers, and small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, and Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 17 through December 20,
2013

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, at 10 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, Bipartisan Budget Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 18, to hold hearings to examine what information data brokers have on consumers, and how they use it, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 17, business meeting to consider the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and Marc A. Kastner, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, both of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

December 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 37, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, S. 1300, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects, S. 1301, to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 1341, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 1491, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, and H.R. 2337, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of Environmental Protection Agency, and Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: December 18, Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the role of Social Security, defined benefits, and private retirement accounts in relation to retirement crisis, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 17, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine responding to the humanitarian, security and governance crisis in the Central Africa Republic, 2 p.m., SD-419.

December 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, all of the Department of State, 4 p.m., SD-419.

December 18, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine rebalance to Asia IV, focusing on economic engagement in the Asia-Pacific region, 10 a.m., SD-419.

December 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Egypt Assistance Reform Act of 2013", S. 653, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, S. Res. 314, commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day, S. Res. 288, supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats, S. Res. 312, calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history, S. Res. 75, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, S. Res. 317, expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia, an original resolution entitled, "in support of the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European

Union", and the nominations of Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years, and Keith Michael Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 18, business meeting to consider S. 1417, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, S. 1719, and H.R. 3527, bills to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and the nominations of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, Steven Joel Anthony, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 17, to hold hearings to examine the Navy Yard tragedy, focusing on the physical security for Federal facilities, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

December 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, and an original bill entitled, "Cybersecurity Recruitment and Retention Act", 10 a.m., SD-342.

December 19, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: December 18, business meeting to consider S. 1352, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 17, to hold hearings to examine protecting small businesses and promoting innovation by limiting patent troll abuse, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Arbitration Act and access to justice, focusing on if recent Supreme Court decisions undermine the rights of consumers, workers, and small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel D. Crabtree, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Cynthia Ann Bashant, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and Theodore David Chuang, and George

Jarrold Hazel, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, S. 975, to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009, and the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, and Michelle T. Friedland, of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher Reid Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., and Edward G. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, M. Douglas Harpool, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Sheryl H. Lipman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern Dis-

trict of Washington, Manish S. Shah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Robert L. Hobbs, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, and Gary Blankinship, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: December 18, to hold hearings to examine Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, focusing on measuring the effectiveness of the reauthorization act and maximizing research dollars to America's small businesses, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, and Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

December 19, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: December 18, to hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Tuesday, December 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, December 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, Bipartisan Budget Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution at 10 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.

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