

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8869–S8918*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1833–1847. **Page S8913**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 134, to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–126)

S. 269, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–127)

H.R. 1162, to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office. (S. Rept. No. 113–128)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Community Fire Safety Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3588, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

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**SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 947, to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and the bill was then passed.

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**Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies:** Senate passed S. 1847, to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

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**Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the

“Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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**Paul Brown United States Courthouse:** Senate passed H.R. 185, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse”.

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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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#### House Messages:

**Budget Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

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Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with Reid Amendment No. 2547, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2547), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 67 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 279), 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 motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the joint resolution to Committee on the Budget, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2549, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution. **Page S8873**

Reid Amendment No. 2550 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2549), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2549 fell. **Page S8873**

Reid Amendment No. 2551 (to Amendment No. 2550), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2550 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2549) fell. **Page S8872**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate failed to table the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with Reid Amendment No. 2547, to change the enactment date. **Page S8898**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, post-cloture; and, that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on the motion to concur. **Page S8918**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2020. **Page S8918**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on June 11, 2013, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S8917**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—280) **Pages S8872, S8898**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8918.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded 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, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial