

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, Budget Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8919–8984

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1848–1858, and S. Res. 323–324. **Pages S8975–76**

Measures Reported:

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, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

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. 314, commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day.

S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh.

S. Res. 319, expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

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. 1857, to reform assistance to Egypt. **Page S8975**

Measures Passed:

VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1402, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law.

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American Diabetes Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 316, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Tragic Shooting at Los Angeles International Airport: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of employees of the Transportation Security Administration.

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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: By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 281), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

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. **Pages S8921–57**

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

Reid Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2547), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with Reid Amendment No. 2547 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Pages S8921–57**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3304, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8957–64**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S8957**

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 2552, to change the enactment date. **Page S8957**

Reid Amendment No. 2553 (to Amendment No. 2552), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8957**

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

By 71 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 282), 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 of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S8957**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2554, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S8957**

Reid Amendment No. 2555 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2554), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2554 (listed above) fell. **Page S8957**

Reid Amendment No. 2556 (to Amendment No. 2555), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2555 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2554) (listed above) fell. **Page S8957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, December 19, 2013; and that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S8984**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295 b(h), of the U.S. Code, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senator Rockefeller, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Senator Warner, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S8983**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Rockefeller, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, and Senator Cantwell, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. **Page S8983**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), reappointed and appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Senator Bennet, designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Udall (NM), from the Committee on Appropriations. **Page S8983**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed and reappointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:

Senator Gillibrand, designee of the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Landrieu, from the Committee on Appropriations.

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Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), reappointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

Senator Mikulski, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Cardin, At Large. **Page S8983**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:

Senator Joe Manchin III vice The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. **Pages S8983–84**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—282) **Page S8957**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DATA BROKERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what information data brokers have on consumers, and how they use it, after receiving testimony from Jessica Rich, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Pam Dixon, World Privacy Forum, San Diego, California; Joseph Turow, University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School for Communication, Philadelphia; Tony Hadley, Experian, Costa Mesa, California; and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Washington, DC.

RETIREMENT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine the role of Social Security, defined benefits, and private retirement accounts in relation to retirement crisis, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Romasco, AARP, Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, all of Washington, DC; and John Sweeney, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts.

ASIA IV REBALANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine economic engagement in the Asia-Pacific region, focusing on rebalance to Asia IV, after receiving testimony from Scot A. Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; John Andersen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets, International Trade Administration; and Matthew P. Goodman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Derek Scissors, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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, with amendments;

S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh;

S. Res. 319, expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych'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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee order favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1417, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1719 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, and Steven Joel Anthony, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1352, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; 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.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Chris Rinaldi, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, and Andre Gudger, Director, both of the Office of Small Business Program, Department of Defense; Manny Oliver, Director, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, Department of Energy; Matthew Portnoy, Director, Office of Extramural Programs, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Pravina Raghavan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; Lisa Sobolewski, Small Business Innovation Research Program Director, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Savoie, Geocent, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana; Charles Wessner, National Academy of Sciences, and Jere Glover, Small Business Technology Council, both of Washington, DC; Mahendra K. Jain, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, Lexington; Jenny Houston, Warwick Mills, New Ipswich, New Hampshire; and Dave Green, Physical Sciences, Inc., Andover, Massachusetts.

LONG-TERM CARE POLICY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation, after receiving testimony from Bruce Chernof, The SCAN Foundation, Long Beach, California, and Mark Warshawsky, American Enterprise Institute, Arlington, Virginia, both of the Commission on Long-Term Care; and Judy Feder, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, and Anne Tumlinson, Avalere Health, both of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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 co-

operation, 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 the Judiciary: 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 District 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.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3304, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, December 19

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 in pro forma session.



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