

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S189–S265

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1899–1912. **Page S223**

Measures Passed:

Assisting United States Civilian Robert Levinson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, urging 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, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S259**

Reid (for Nelson) Amendment No. 2638, to amend the preamble. **Page S259**

Reid (for Nelson) Amendment No. 2639, to amend the title. **Page S259**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Benefits Extension—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S203–09**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631, relating to extension and modification of emergency unemployment compensation program. **Page S204**

Reid Amendment No. 2632 (to Amendment No. 2631), to change the enactment date. **Page S204**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 9, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. **Page S204**

Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 2635 (to Amendment No. 2634), of a perfecting nature. **Page S204**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, 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 Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631. **Page S204**

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

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 3), Senate failed to table Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. **Page S209**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to the bill be 3 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, and the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 (listed above) be 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014; and that following disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631. **Pages S259–60**

Wilkins Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S209–11**

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

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S209**

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S209**

By 55 yeas to 38 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 6), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Deborah L. Bix, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Michael W. Kempner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Heidi Neel Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2017.

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Westley Watende Omari Moore, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

43 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—6) **Pages S209–10**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, Janu-

ary 13, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense, and Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security.

SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in South Sudan, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Princeton N. Lyman, U.S. Institute of Peace, John Prendergast, Enough Project, and Kate Almqvist Knopf, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gary Blankinship, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, Robert L. Hobbs, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, Amos Rojas, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, Peter C. Tobin, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, Kevin W. Techau, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and Andrew Mark Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.