

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S493–S555*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1965–1968, and S. Res. 340. **Page S528**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–136) **Page S527**

#### Measures Passed:

**Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act:** Senate passed S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S545–54**

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2701, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S546–54**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a bill from the House of Representatives that is identical to the text of S. 1302, then the House bill be read three times and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

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**Catholic Schools Week:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 334, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers. **Pages S495–S516**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, all post-cloture time be yielded back and the motion to proceed to the bill be agreed to; that after the bill is reported, the following amendments be agreed to: Hagan Amendment No. 2702; Rubio Amendment No. 2704; King Amendment No. 2705; and Blunt Amendment No. 2698; and the amended text be considered as original text for the purposes of further amendment; that the only other amendments in order be the following: Reed Amendment No. 2703; Coburn Amendment No. 2697; Merkley Amendment No. 2709; Heller Amendment No. 2700; Whitehouse Amendment No. 2706; Toomey Amendment No. 2707; and Gillibrand Amendment No. 2708; that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of these amendments prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that it be in order for Senator Toomey to modify his amendment with the text of Rubio Amendment No. 2704 and Hagan Amendment No. 2702; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided on each amendment or motion to waive a budget point or order, if made; that there be up to one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided between proponents and opponents; that amendments in this agreement must be offered prior to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014; that it be in order for Senator Crapo, or designee, to raise a budget point of order against the bill; that if such a point of order is raised, Senator Menendez, or designee, be recognized to move to waive the point of

order; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to waive, if made; that if the motion to waive is agreed to, Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the order listed; that upon the disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S555**

**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House to escort President Obama into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. **Page S554**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January 28, 2014; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM-27) **Pages S521-26**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S526**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S526**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S493, S526**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S545**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S545**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S555.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary

of the Army, William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and 1,096 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

### MILITARY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent changes to the United States military retirement system, after receiving testimony from Christine H. Fox, Acting Deputy Secretary, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; General John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Master Sergeant Richard J. Delaney, USAF (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, and David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analyses, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and General Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), Association of the United States Army, Arlington, Virginia.

### REAUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Fred P. Hochberg, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

### CRITICAL MINERALS POLICY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1600, to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, after receiving testimony from David Danielson, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Lawrence D. Meinert, Mineral Resources Program Coordinator, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Major General Robert H. Latiff, (Ret.), George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; David Isaacs, Semiconductor Industry Association, and Jennifer Thomas, The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; Jim Sims, Molycorp, Inc., Greenwood, Colorado; Gregory Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission, Herndon, Virginia, on behalf of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources; and Roderick G. Eggert, Colorado School of Mines, Golden.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Max Sieben