

Reid Amendment No. 2635 (to Amendment No. 2634), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633) fell. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2632 (to Amendment No. 2631), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 was tabled. **Page S737**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Wednesday, February 5, 2014 count as the intervening day. **Page S738**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above) and the bill be 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714, be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014. **Page S774**

Bipartisan Budget Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1963, to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. **Pages S738–55**

Conference Reports:

Agricultural Act: By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 21), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018. **Pages S710–36**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S759**

Baucus Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; that there be 60 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that

upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order. **Page S773**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were 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 January 6, 2014, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S774**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22) **Pages S736, S737**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Afghanistan from Jennifer C. Walsh, Principal Director, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, Office of the Secretary, Brigadier General Robert P. White, USA, Director, Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, J–5, Joint Staff, and Kent A. Breedlove, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Afghanistan, Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense; and

Jarrett Blanc, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

MOVING FROM CONSTANT CRISES TO BROAD-BASED GROWTH

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine moving from constant crises to broad-based growth, focusing on the 2014 outlook, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.; and David A. Rosenberg, Gluskin Sheff and Associates Inc., Ontario, Canada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Mineral Management, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA DRINKING WATER CRISIS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine the safety and security of drinking water supplies following the Central West Virginia drinking water crisis, including S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and S. 1009, to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, after receiving testimony from Natalie E. Tennant, West Virginia Secretary of State, Randy C. Huffman, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Cabinet Secretary, and Michael W. McNulty, Putnam Public Service District, all of Charleston, West Virginia; Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Richard O. Faulk, Hollingsworth LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Brent Fewell, Troutman Sanders, Potomac, Maryland, on behalf of United Water; and R. Peter Weaver, International Liquid Terminals Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, Richard G. Frank, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine negotiations on Iran's nuclear program, after receiving testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury; David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. Res. 333, strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq;

S. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio; and

The nominations of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be a Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, Keith M. Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Michael Anderson Lawson, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Robert A. Wood, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECURITY IN SOCHI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on security in Sochi from Fred Glazier, Deputy Director for Intelligence Directorate, National Counterterrorism Center; Gregory Starr, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; John Cohen, Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security; John S. Adams, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Garry Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, and Major General Darryl Roberson, Vice Director, Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

ARMY RECRUITING CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine fraud and abuse in army recruiting contracts, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General William T. Grisoli, Director of the Army Staff, Major General David E. Quantock, Provost Marshal General of the Army, Commanding General, Army Criminal Investigation Command and Army Corrections Command, Joseph P. Bentz, Principal Deputy Auditor General, Army Audit Agency, and Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, USA (Ret.), former Director, and Colonel Mike Jones, USA (Ret.), former Division Chief, Strength Maintenance Division, both of the Army National Guard, all of the Department of Defense;

and Philip Crane, and Kay Hensen, both of Docupak, Pelham, Alabama.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warren, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine privacy in the digital age, focusing on preventing data breaches and combating cybercrime, after receiving testimony from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; William Noonan, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, Criminal Investigative Division, Cyber Operations Branch; Mythili Raman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Delara Derakhshani, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Michael R. Kingston, Neiman Marcus Group, Dallas, Texas; John Mulligan, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Fran Rosch, Symantec Corporation, Mountain View, California.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3986–3991; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 108; and H. Res. 473 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of the bill (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, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3964) to address cer-

tain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–340).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Sportsmen's Heritage And Recreational Enhancement Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 3590, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, February 5th.

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