

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2103–2110, and S. Res. 378–381. **Page S1519**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 361, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder.

S. Res. 365, deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

S. Res. 375, concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 376, supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

S. Res. 377, recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1517**

Measures Passed:

Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act: Senate passed H.R. 2019, to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health. **Page S1492**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was

discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 32, providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S1527**

Aggression in Ukraine: Senate agreed to S. Res. 378, condemning illegal Russian aggression in Ukraine. **Page S1527**

Congratulating Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 379, congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon ("THON") on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. **Pages S1527–28**

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day. **Pages S1527–28**

Congratulating U.S. Athletes in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games: Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, congratulating the athletes from the United States who participated in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games as members of the United States Olympic Team. **Pages S1527–28**

Measures Considered:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. **Page S1487**

Leitman Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S1500**

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

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 63), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1500**

Levy Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan,

to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S1500**

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 64), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1500**

Michelson Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S1500–01**

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

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 65), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1501**

Parker Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S1501**

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

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1501**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1526–29**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. **Page S1528**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—66) **Pages S1500–01**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1528.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Paul J. Selva, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general, and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Vice Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, to be admiral and Director, National Security Agency, Chief, Central Security Services, and Commander, United States Cyber Command, who was introduced by Senator Kirk, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments, effective March 28, 2014:

Subcommittee on AirLand: Senators Blumenthal (Chair), Nelson, McCaskill, Manchin, Gillibrand, Donnelly, Wicker, McCain, Sessions, Chambliss, and Blunt.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Hagan (Chair), Reed, Nelson, Udall (CO), Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Fischer, McCain, Wicker, Graham, Vitter, and Cruz.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Hagan, Blumenthal, Hirono, Kaine, King, Graham, Chambliss, Ayotte, Blunt, and Lee.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Shaheen (Chair), McCaskill, Udall (CO),