

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**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1516**

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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),

Manchin, Donnelly, Hirono, Kaine, Ayotte, Chambliss, Fischer, Blunt, Lee, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Seapower:* Senators Reed (Chair), Nelson, Hagan, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Hirono, Kaine, King, McCain, Sessions, Wicker, Ayotte, Graham, Vitter, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:* Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Reed, McCaskill, Donnelly, King, Sessions, Fischer, Vitter, and Lee.

*Senators Levin and Inhofe are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, both of the Department of Defense.

## CAPITAL REGULATIONS FOR INSURERS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine finding the right capital regulations for insurers, including S. 1369, to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and S. 2102, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Michael W. Mahaffey, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; Gina Wilson, TIAA-CREF, Short Hills, New Jersey; H. Rodgin Cohen, Sullivan and Cromwell LLP, Irvington, New York; Aaron Klein, Bipartisan Policy Center, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Daniel Schwarcz, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing, done at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in Rome, Italy, on November 22, 2009 (the "Agreement") (Treaty Doc. 112-04);

Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, done at Auckland, New Zealand, November 14, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 113-01);

Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, done at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and signed by the United States on May 2, 2012 (Treaty Doc. 113-02);

Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, adopted on September 28, 2007, at the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) (Treaty Doc. 113-03);

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, 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 in the nature of a substitute;

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; and

The nominations of Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, 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, Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Mark Gilbert, of Florida, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Deborah L. Birx, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government

Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Peter A. Selfridge, of Minnesota, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State.

#### HANFORD NUCLEAR SITE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine whistleblower retaliation at the Hanford nuclear site, after receiving testimony from William A. Eckroade, Principal Deputy Chief for Mission Support Operations, Office of Health, Safety and Security, and Matt Moury, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security, and Quality Programs for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy; James N. Taylor, URS Energy and Construction, Inc., San Francisco, California; and Michael Graham, Bechtel National, Inc., Washington, D.C.

#### MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce concluded a hearing to examine more efficient and effective government, focusing on improving the regulatory framework, including S. 1397, to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, S. 1390, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and S. 1029, to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, after receiving testimony from Senator King; Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Michelle Sager, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Ac-

countability Office; and Katherine McFate, Center for Effective Government, and C. Boyden Gray, Boyden Gray and Associates, PLLC, both of Washington, D.C.

#### U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine what the United States health care system can learn from other countries, after receiving testimony from Tsung-Mei Cheng, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; Ching-chuan Yeh, Tzu-chi University College of Medicine School of Public Health, Hualien City, Taiwan; Jakob Kjellberg, KORA Danish Institute for Local and Regional Government Research, Copenhagen, Denmark; Sally C. Pipes, Pacific Research Institute, San Francisco, California; Danielle Martin, Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Canada; Victor G. Rodwin, New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York, New York; and David Hogberg, National Center for Public Policy Research, Washington, D.C.

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine open government and freedom of information, focusing on reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act for the digital age, after receiving testimony from Melanie Ann Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Amy Bennett, OpenTheGovernment.org, and Daniel J. Metcalfe, American University Washington College of Law, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Cuillier, The University of Arizona School of Journalism, Tucson, on behalf of The Sunshine in Government Initiative.

#### 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.