

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3979, Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act, as amended. (The legislative vehicle entitled, “The Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act”.)

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2169–S2202

Measures Introduced: Four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2214–2217, and S. Res. 412–416. **Page S2194**

Measures Passed:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate passed H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended.

Pages S2175–78, S2181–88

Representatives to the United Nations: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2195, to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Cruz Amendment No. 2960, to make a technical amendment. **Page S2180**

Cruz Amendment No. 2961, to amend the title. **Page S2181**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 92, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. **Page S2202**

National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414,

designating April 2014 as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month”. **Page S2202**

National Public Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 415, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week. **Page S2202**

Authorizing the Taking of a Photograph in the Senate Chamber: Senate agreed to S. Res. 416, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S2202**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration to S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S2179–80**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

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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 originally declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010 with respect to Somalia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–39) **Page S2193**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2178, S2202**

L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2178–79, S2202**

Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania. **Pages S2179, S2202**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Steven H. Cohen, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years. **Page S2202**

Messages from the House: **Pages S2193–94**

Measures Referred: **Page S2194**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S2194, S2202**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S2201**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—101) **Page S2176**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2202.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4411–4418; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 545 were introduced. **Pages H2990–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2991**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–404) and

H. Res. 544, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 96) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024, and providing for proceedings during the period from April 11, 2014, through April 25, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–405). **Page H2990**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2963**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2964**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. **Page H2965**

Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 1872, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 166. **Pages H2965–73, H2983–86**

Rejected the DeLauro motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 165. **Page H2985**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2965**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1874), (H.R. 1871), and (H.R. 1872), was agreed to on Friday, April 4th.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: