

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2293–S2331

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2224–2234, and S. Con. Res. 35. **Pages S2326–27**

Measures Passed:

100th Anniversary of the Enactment of the Smith-Lever Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 33, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2330**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2330**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 S2293–S2312, S2316–21**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 103), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2299**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Page S2299**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the Presi-

dent pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, and 112–75, re-appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Katrina Lantos Swett of New Hampshire. **Page S2330**

Friedland Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S2330**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 75 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2017. **Pages S2312–15, S2330**

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 105), Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2010. **Pages S2315, S2330**

Debra L. Miller, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2017. **Pages S2315–16, S2330**

Steven Joel Anthony, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2018. **Pages S2315–16, S2330**

Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S2315–16, S2330**

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

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—105) **Pages S2299, S2315**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2330.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, and Maryann Froehlich, Acting Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

RAILWAY SAFETY FOR PASSENGERS AND COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an assessment on how to keep our railways safe for passengers and communities, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Barb Graff, City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management Director, Seattle, Washington; and Timothy E. Pellerin, Fire/Rescue Department Fire Chief, Rangeley, Maine.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor.

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine defense health programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Thomas W. Travis, Surgeon General of the United States Air Force, and Christopher A. Miller, Program Executive Officer, Healthcare Management Systems, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, and Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Vice Admiral William D. French, Commander, Navy Installations Command, Major General Juan G. Ayala, Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Performing Duties as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Major General Maryanne Miller, Deputy Chief, Air Force Reserve, and Brigadier General James Witham, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, all of the Department of Defense.