

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2831–2888*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2305–2314, and S. Res. 440–441. **Page S2875**

#### Measures Passed:

**Regarding Newspaper Advertising of Senate Stationery Contracts:** Senate passed S. 2197, to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts. **Page S2887**

**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 83, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. **Pages S2887–88**

**Recognizing Contributions of Teachers:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 440, recognizing the contributions of teachers to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States. **Page S2888**

#### Measures Considered:

**Hire More Heroes Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**Pages S2831–36, S2847–59**

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 upon disposition of S. 2262, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry. **Page S2850**

**Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to S. 2262, to promote

energy savings in residential buildings and industry, be at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 2014.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–42) **Pages S2866–74**

**Rosenbaum Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S2845–46**

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

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2846**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S2838–39, S2888**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 137), Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S2837–38, S2844, S2888**

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2837**

By 70 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 138), James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin. **Pages S2838, S2844–45, S2888**

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

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 135), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2838**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 139), Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois. **Pages S2838, S2845, S2888**

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2838**

Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education. **Pages S2846, S2888**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S2888**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2874**

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**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—140) **Pages S2837–38, S2844–46**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2888.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States economic and fiscal outlook, after receiving testimony from Janet L.

Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### THE STATE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN THE U.S.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine the state of United States travel and tourism, focusing on industry efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, after receiving testimony from Mike McCartney, Hawai'i Tourism Authority President and CEO, Honolulu; Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, and Christopher L. Thompson, Brand USA, both of Washington, DC; and Brad Dean, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stefan M. Selig, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Johanns, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, Lanhee J. Chen, of California, and Alan L. Cohen, of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ASSESSING VENEZUELA'S POLITICAL CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing Venezuela's political crisis, focusing on human rights violations and beyond, after receiving testimony from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Patrick Duddy, former Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Durham, North Carolina, all of the Department of State; and Moises Naim, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Jose Miguel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, DC.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine identifying critical factors for success in information technology acquisitions, including implementing the best practices and reform initiatives to help improve the management of investments, after receiving testimony from Daniel M. Tangherlini, Administrator,