

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3230, Pay Our Guard and Reserve Act, as amended. (The legislative vehicle entitled, "Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act")

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3553–S3620

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2461–2466, S. Res. 469–472, and S. Con. Res. 37. **Page S3604**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Use of the Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 37, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol in commemoration of the Shimon Peres Congressional Gold Medal ceremony. **Page S3557**

Pay Our Guard and Reserve Act: By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 187), Senate passed H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 2450, Senate companion measure, as amended, after taking action on the following amendment and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S3564–93**

Adopted:

Tester Amendment No. 3237, to amend the title. **Page S3593**

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

By 75 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 186), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions with respect to H.R. 3230, as amended by S. 2450 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the emergency designation provision contained in Section 802(b) of H.R. 3230, as amended by S. 2450, pursuant to Section

403(e)(1) of S. Con. Res. 13, Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Resolution, fell. **Pages S3591, S3592–93**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014: Senate passed S. 1681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3620**

Reid (for Feinstein/Chambliss) Amendment No. 3238, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3620**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. Res. 470, be placed on the calendar and upon the enactment into law of the language of Title IV of S. 1681, as amended, Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to. **Page S3620**

Honoring former President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush: Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, honoring former President George H.W. Bush on the occasion of his 90th birthday and Barbara Bush on the occasion of her 89th birthday and extending the best wishes of the Senate to former President Bush and Mrs. Bush. **Page S3620**

Honoring Dr. James Schlesinger: Senate agreed to S. Res. 472, honoring Dr. James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Energy, and Director of Central Intelligence. **Page S3620**

Measures Considered:

Federal Student Loans: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans. **Pages S3553–64**

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

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 185), 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 S3557**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Nix-Hines, McCord, Chu, and Batta Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 12, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, under the previous order of Monday, June 9, 2014; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate begin consideration of and vote on confirmation of the nominations of Michael J. McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), R. Jane Chu, of Missouri, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Todd A. Batta, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S3620**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—187) **Pages S3557, S3592–93**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3620.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: On Tuesday, June 10, 2014, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full committee consideration H.R. 4487, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, with an amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral James D. Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Rockefeller, and Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, who was introduced by Senator Nelson, both of the Department of Commerce, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, after the