

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumés of Congressional Activity for September and October 2014.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5885–S5959*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2913–2919, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Res. 576–577. **Page S5918**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, October 1, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. (S. Rept. No. 113–264)

Report to accompany S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program. (S. Rept. No. 113–265)

Report to accompany S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. (S. Rept. No. 113–266)

Report to accompany S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 113–267)

S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–268)

S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, with amendments.

S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on Wednesday, November 12, 2014:

S. 1793, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–269)

Report to accompany S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness. (S. Rept. No. 113–270) **Pages S5917–18**

#### Measures Passed:

*National Day of Writing:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 576, expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the “National Day of Writing”. **Pages S5957**

#### Measures Considered:

**Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2609, to restore States’ sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws. **Pages S5885–87**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5902**

**USA Freedom Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2685, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes. **Page S5902**

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 the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5902**

#### Appointments:

The following appointments are to be printed in the Record, pursuant to the order of September 18,

2014, but the Chair did not announce the appointments:

**National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity:** On behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110–315, the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity:

George Hanks Brown of Colorado, vice William Armstrong. **Page S5957**

**Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:** On behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:

John White of Nevada, vice Sharon Wurm of Nevada. **Pages S5957–58**

**Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development:** On behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114 (b)(2)(c), the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term expiring 2018:

Christopher A. Coons of Delaware, vice William F. Winter of Mississippi. **Page S5958**

**Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development:** On behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114 (b)(2)(c), the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term expiring 2020:

Mike Moore of Mississippi. **Page S5958**

**National Council on Disability:** On behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 93–112, as amended by Public Law 112–166, and further amended by Public Law 113–128, the appointment of the following to serve as a member of the National Council on Disability:

Bob Brown of Nevada, vice Stephanie Orlando.

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**Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, Senate begin consideration of S. 2280, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; that there be up to 6 hours of debate equally divided between opponents and proponents; that upon the use, or yield-

ing back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill; that no amendments, motions or points of order be in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage; that the vote on passage be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and that if the Senate passes the bill, and has received or receives from the House a bill that is identical to S. 2280, then the House bill be passed with no intervening action or debate.

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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 with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–54)

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**Abrams Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

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**Cohen Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

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**Ross Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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**Moss Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland,

to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S5903**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5903**

**May Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S5904, S5939–S5946**

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

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5904**

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

Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2018.

David J. Berteau, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Michael P. O’Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2014.

Mark Scarano, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2016.

Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Romonica S. Dixon, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2018.

Walter A. Barrows, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2019.

Robert A. Salerno, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

David S. Shapira, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2019.

Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Adewale Adeyemo, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Marisa Lago, of New York, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Antonio F. Weiss, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2019.

David Avren Jones, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2018.

Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2018.

Nicholas J. Rasmussen, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Dale A. Drozd, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Michael Greco, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
60 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on July 14, 2014.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—272) Pages S5903–04

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5936, S5958.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FIGHTING EBOLA AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine fighting Ebola and protecting America, focusing on the U.S. Government response, after receiving testimony from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources; and Michael Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of

Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office";

H.R. 1391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 1865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office";

H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building";

H.R. 4189, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building";

H.R. 4919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 5019, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office";

H.R. 5106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building";

S. 2523, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue,