

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Res. 592. **Pages S6234, S6235–36**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1744, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances. (S. Rept. No. 113–276)

Report to accompany S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 113–277)

Report to accompany S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes. (S. Rept. No. 113–278)

S. 2030, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–279)

Report to accompany S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. (S. Rept. No. 113–280)

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency. (S. Rept. No. 113–281)

S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport. (S. Rept. No. 113–282)

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Measures Passed:

Jack Nicklaus Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2203, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the

Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy, and the bill was then passed.

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Administer the Oath of Office—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, Senate administer the oath of office to Senators Schatz and Scott.

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Hale Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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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 P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Kearney Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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Pappert Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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the nomination of Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6228–29**

Orr Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy. **Page S6229**

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 Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6229**

Hezir Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. **Page S6229**

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 Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy. **Page S6229**

Mamet Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic. **Page S6229**

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

By 50 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6229–30**

Bell Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary. **Page S6230**

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

By 50 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 292), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6230**

Coloretti and Adler Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nomina-

tions, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that at 4 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in the sequence be 10 minutes in length. **Page S6230**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292) **Pages S6229–30, S6230**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6237–38.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SUPERVISION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Friday, November 21, 2014, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine improving financial institution supervision, focusing on addressing regulatory capture, after receiving testimony from William C. Dudley, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and David O. Beim, Columbia Business School, both of New York, New York; Robert C. Hockett, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, and Norbert J. Michel, Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC.

WALL STREET INVOLVEMENT WITH PHYSICAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Friday, November 21, 2014, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which