

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7367–S7426

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2187–2193, and S. Res. 291. **Page S7413**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 113th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 114–156) **Page S7413**

Measures Passed:

Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 208, to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7406–07**

Vitter Amendment No. 2747, relating to recovery improvements for small entities after disasters. **Page S7407**

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 774, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7407**

Honoring the Lives of the “El Faro” Crew Members: Senate agreed to S. Res. 291, honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro*. **Page S7425**

Commemorating the Discovery of the Polio Vaccine: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 108, commemorating the discovery of the polio vaccine and supporting efforts to eradicate the disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7425**

Measures Considered:

Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7374–S7406, S7407–08**

Pending:

Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7374**

Burr (for Cotton) Modified Amendment No. 2581 (to Amendment No. 2716), to exempt from the capability and process within the Department of Homeland Security communication between a private entity and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Secret Service regarding cybersecurity threats. **Pages S7374, S7381**

Feinstein (for Coons) Modified Amendment No. 2552 (to Amendment No. 2716), to modify section 5 to require DHS to review all cyber threat indicators and countermeasures in order to remove certain personal information. **Page S7374**

Burr (for Flake/Franken) Amendment No. 2582 (to Amendment No. 2716), to terminate the provisions of the Act after six years. **Pages S7374, S7404–05**

Feinstein (for Franken) Further Modified Amendment No. 2612 (to Amendment No. 2716), to improve the definitions of cybersecurity threat and cyber threat indicator. **Pages S7374, S7381**

Burr (for Heller) Modified Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2716), to protect information that is reasonably believed to be personal information or information that identifies a specific person. **Page S7374**

Feinstein (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 2587 (to Amendment No. 2716), to strike the FOIA exemption. **Page S7374**

Burr (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2716), to prohibit liability immunity to applying to private entities that break user or privacy agreements with customers. **Page S7374**

Feinstein (for Mikulski/Cardin) Amendment No. 2557 (to Amendment No. 2716), to provide

amounts necessary for accelerated cybersecurity in response to data breaches. **Page S7374**

Feinstein (for Whitehouse/Graham) Modified Amendment No. 2626 (to Amendment No. 2716), to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect Americans from cybercrime. **Pages S7374, S7388–98**

Feinstein (for Wyden) Modified Amendment No. 2621 (to Amendment No. 2716), to improve the requirements relating to removal of personal information from cyber threat indicators before sharing. **Page S7374**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716 (listed above), Senate vote on or in relation to Burr (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2716) (listed above), with ten minutes divided in the usual form prior to the vote. **Page S7407**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2015, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to both Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716, and the bill be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2015. **Pages S7425–26**

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 originally declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S7411**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Julie Furuta-Toy, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana; that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S7408**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2021.

Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2020.

Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2016.

Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma.

Linda Swartz Tagliatalata, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. **Page S7426**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7426.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine agriculture biotechnology, focusing on Federal regulation and stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from Michael Gregoire, Associate Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; William Jordan, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency; Susan Mayne, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joanna Lidback, The Farm at