

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8381–S8419

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1949–1962, and S. Res. 345. **Pages S8413–14**

Measures Reported:

S. 1430, to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–99) **Page S8413**

Measures Passed:

National Flood Insurance Program: Senate passed S. 1958, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until May 31, 2012. **Page S8408**

Umatilla Army Chemical Depot: Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon. **Page S8419**

Measures Considered:

Payroll Tax Relief—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1944, to create jobs by providing payroll tax relief for middle class families and businesses. **Pages S8383–84**

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 on Friday, December 9, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Thursday, December 8, 2011, if cloture is not invoked on the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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Cordray Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau

of Consumer Financial Protection, with the time until 10:30 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 10:30 a.m. **Page S8419**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8419.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION REGULATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine enhanced supervision, focusing on a new regime for regulating large, complex financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, former Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Pew Charitable Trusts, and Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr., George Washington University Law School, both of Washington, D.C.; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Boston; and Phillip L. Swagel, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy,

and University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine turning the investigation on the science of forensics, after receiving testimony from John Grisham, Innocence Project, Charlottesville, Virginia; Constantine Gatsonis, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; Geoffrey S. Means, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio; and Terry W. Fenger, Marshall University Forensic Science Center, Huntington, West Virginia.

DRUG SHORTAGES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug shortages, focusing on why they happen and what they mean, after receiving testimony from Kasey Thompson, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Bethesda, Maryland; Patrick Cobb, Frontier Cancer Center and Blood Institute, Billings, Montana; Scott Gottlieb, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Rena M. Conti, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

HOMEGROWN TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded open and closed joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security to examine homegrown terrorism, focusing on the threat to military communities inside the United States, after receiving testimony from Paul Stockton, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, and Lieutenant Colonel Reid Sawyer, Director, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, United States Army, both of the Department of Defense; Jim Stuteville, Senior Advisor, Counterintelligence Operations, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Daris Long, Conway, Arkansas.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs

concluded a joint hearing to examine earthquakes to terrorist attacks, focusing on if the national capital region is prepared for the next disaster, and if the 2010 strategic plan is generally consistent with characteristics of effective strategies, after receiving testimony from Steward D. Beckham, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Dean Hunter, Deputy Director, Facilities, Security and Contracting, Office of Personnel Management; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Richard Muth, Maryland Emergency Management Agency Executive Director, Annapolis; Terrie L. Suit, Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, Richmond; and Paul A. Quander, Jr., District of Columbia Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice.

EB-5 REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the EB-5 Regional Center Program, focusing on promoting job creation and economic development in American communities, including S. 642, to permanently reauthorize the EB-5 Regional Center Program, after receiving testimony from William J. Stenger, Jay Peak Resort, Jay, Vermont; David North, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Divine, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, and Berkowitz, P.C., Chattanooga, Tennessee, on behalf of Invest in the USA.

EFFORTS TO CURTAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine government efforts to curtail marijuana cultivation on United States public lands, focusing on exploitation of public lands as grow sites for marijuana and discuss barriers to the criminal prosecution of drug traffickers, after receiving testimony from Representative Mike Thompson; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; David Ferrell, Director, Law Enforcement and Investigations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Margaret Mims, Fresno County Sheriff, Fresno, California.