

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S233–S281

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2053–2061, and S. Res. 365–366. **Page S261**

Measures Passed:

Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, and the bill was then passed. **Page S276**

Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System: Senate passed S. 1296, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in the State of Rhode Island. **Page S276**

Honoring the Life of Kevin Hagan White: Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, honoring the life of Kevin Hagan White, the Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts from 1968 to 1984. **Pages S276–77**

Honoring the Life of Wilman Villar Mendoza: Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, honoring the life of dissident and democracy activist Wilman Villar Mendoza and condemning the Castro regime for the death of Wilman Villar Mendoza. **Page S277**

Measures Considered:

Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using non-public information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S238–50, S250–54

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1470, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S238**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1482 (to Amendment No. 1470), to make a technical amendment to a reporting requirement. **Page S238**

Brown (OH) Amendment No. 1478 (to Amendment No. 1470), to change the reporting requirement to 10 days. **Page S238**

Brown (OH)/Merkley Modified Amendment No. 1481 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit financial conflicts of interest by Senators and staff. **Pages S238, S241–43**

Toomey Amendment No. 1472 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit earmarks. **Page S238**

Thune Amendment No. 1477 (to Amendment No. 1470), to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D. **Page S238**

McCain Amendment No. 1471 (to Amendment No. 1470), to protect the American taxpayer by prohibiting bonuses for Senior Executives at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac while they are in conservatorship. **Page S238**

Leahy/Cornyn Amendment No. 1483 (to Amendment No. 1470), to deter public corruption. **Page S238**

Coburn Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. **Page S238**

Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 1474 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require that all legislation be placed online for 72 hours before it is voted on by the Senate or the House. **Page S239**

Coburn Amendment No. 1476, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1484 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require Members of Congress to certify that they are not trading using material, non-public information. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1485 (to Amendment No. 1470), to apply the reporting requirements to Federal employees and judicial officers. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1487 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit executive branch appointees or staff holding positions that give them oversight, rule-making, loan or grant-making abilities over industries or companies in which they or their spouse have a significant financial interest. **Page S239**

DeMint Amendment No. 1488 (to Amendment No. 1470), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution that limits the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1490 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require former Members of Congress to forfeit Federal retirement benefits if they work as a lobbyist or engage in lobbying activities. **Page S239**

Blumenthal/Kirk Amendment No. 1498 (to Amendment No. 1470), to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny retirement benefits accrued by an individual as a Member of Congress if such individual is convicted of certain offenses. **Pages S239–40**

Shelby Amendment No. 1491 (to Amendment No. 1470), to extend the STOCK Act to ensure that the reporting requirements set forth in the STOCK Act apply to the executive branch and independent agencies. **Pages S240–41**

Inhofe/Hutchison Amendment No. 1500 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit unauthorized earmarks. **Pages S243–45**

Boxer/Isakson Amendment No. 1489 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require full and complete public disclosure of the terms of home mortgages held by Members of Congress. **Pages S245–48**

Tester/Toomey Amendment No. 1492 (to Amendment No. 1470), to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act. **Pages S248–49**

Tester/Cochran Amendment No. 1503 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form. **Page S249**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 2, 2012. **Pages S277–78**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael A. Botticelli, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S278–81**

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

Alan D. Bersin, of California, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

John D. Podesta, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011. **Page S281**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S278.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OUTLOOK FOR THE EUROZONE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for the eurozone, after receiving testimony from C. Fred Bergsten, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, and Adam Lerrick, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine, focusing on what's at stake for the United States and Europe, after receiving testimony from Steven Pifer, The Brookings Institution, Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council, and Edward Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eugenia Tymoshenko Carr, Kiev, Ukraine.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT PROCESSING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government