

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills)  
for the First Session of the 112th Congress.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1433–S1494*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2166–2173, and S. Res. 390. **Page S1459**

#### Measures Passed:

*Nonmarket Economy Countries:* Senate passed H.R. 4105, to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, pursuant to the order of March 5, 2012. **Page S1441**

*Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Reauthorization:* Senate passed S. 1855, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1823, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S1484**

*Honoring Donald M. Payne:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Donald M. Payne. **Page S1493**

#### Measures Considered:

*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement:* Senate continued consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Reid Amendment No. 1761, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1441**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with in-

structions, Reid Amendment No. 1763, to change the enactment date. **Pages S1441, S1456**

Reid Amendment No. 1762 (to Amendment No. 1761), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1441, S1456**

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

Reid Amendment No. 1764 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1763), of a perfecting nature, fell when the Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1763, was withdrawn. **Pages S1441, S1456**

Reid Amendment No. 1765 (to Amendment No. 1764), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 1764 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1763), fell. **Pages S1441, S1456**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, as amended, be considered original text for the purposes of further amendment; that the following amendments be the only first-degree amendments remaining in order to the bill: Vitter Amendment No. 1535; Baucus, or designee, relative to rural schools; Collins Amendment No. 1660; Coburn Amendment No. 1738; Nelson (FL)-Shelby-Landrieu Amendment No. 1822, with a modification in order if agreed to by Senators Nelson (FL), Shelby, Landrieu and Baucus; Wyden Amendment No. 1817; Hoeven Amendment No. 1537; Levin Amendment No. 1818; McConnell, or designee, side-by-side to Stabenow Amendment No. 1812; Stabenow Amendment No. 1812; DeMint Amendment No. 1589; Menendez-Burr Amendment No. 1782; DeMint Amendment No. 1756; Bingaman Amendment No. 1759; Coats Amendment No. 1517; Brown (OH) Amendment No. 1819; Blunt Amendment No. 1540; Merkley Amendment No. 1653; Portman Amendment No. 1736; Klobuchar Amendment No. 1617; Corker Amendment No. 1785, with a modification; Shaheen Amendment No. 1678; Portman Amendment No. 1742; Corker

Amendment No. 1810; Carper Amendment No. 1670; Hutchison Amendment No. 1568; McCain Amendment No. 1669, modified with changes at the desk; Alexander Amendment No. 1779; Boxer Amendment No. 1816; and Paul Amendment No. 1556; that on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments, in the order listed; that the following amendments be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold: Vitter Amendment No. 1535; Baucus, or designee, relative to rural schools; Collins Amendment No. 1660; Coburn Amendment No. 1738; Nelson (FL)-Shelby-Landrieu Amendment No. 1822; Wyden Amendment No. 1817; Hoeven Amendment No. 1537; McConnell, or designee, side-by-side to Stabenow Amendment No. 1812; Stabenow Amendment No. 1812; DeMint Amendment No. 1589; Menendez-Burr Amendment No. 1782; that there be no other amendments in order to the bill or the amendments listed other than a managers' package; and there be no points of order or motions in order to any of these amendments other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that it be in order for a managers' package to be considered and, if approved by the managers and the two Leaders, the managers' package be agreed to; provided further, the bill, as amended, then be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and if the bill is passed, it be held at the desk; and when the Senate receives the House companion to S. 1813, as determined by the two Leaders, it be in order for the Majority Leader to proceed to its immediate consideration; strike all after the enacting clause and insert the text of S. 1813, as passed by the Senate, in lieu thereof; that the House bill, as amended, be read a third time, a statutory PAYGO statement be read, if needed, and the bill, as amended, be passed; that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 8, 2012, under the previous order.

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**Syria Democracy Transition Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 2152, to promote United States policy objectives in Syria, including the departure from power of President Bashar Assad and his family, the effective transition to a democratic, free, and secure country, and the

promotion of a prosperous future in Syria, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1494.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### HEALTHY FOOD INITIATIVES, LOCAL PRODUCTION, AND NUTRITION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine healthy food initiatives, local production, and nutrition, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Dan Carmody, Eastern Market Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Ronald G. McCormick, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; Jody Hardin, Hardin Farms, Grady, Arkansas; Anne Goodman, Cleveland Foodbank, Cleveland, Ohio; and John Weidman, Food Trust, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Health and Human