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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3465–3480, S.J. Res. 49, S. Res. 535–540, and S. Con. Res. 55.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188.

S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 55, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627.

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Warren Lindley Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the “Warren Lindley Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the “Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further

consideration of H.R. 3412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the “Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the “SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the “First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act: Senate passed H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

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Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1409, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Carper) Amendment No. 2770, in the nature of a substitute.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Senate passed S.J. Res. 49, providing for the

appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 519, designating October 30, 2012, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 536, designating September 9, 2012, as “National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day”.

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National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 537, supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

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National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, designating September 2012 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

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National Chess Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, designating October 13, 2012, as “National Chess Day”.

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National Convenient Care Clinic Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 540, designating the week of August 6 through August 10, 2012, as “National Convenient Care Clinic Week”.

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Measures Considered:

Veterans Jobs Corps Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3429, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps.

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House Messages:

Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Human Rights Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1905, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities.

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African Growth and Opportunity Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3326, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of coun-

tries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; that the only amendment in order be a Coburn amendment, the text of which is at the desk, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment; that if the amendment is not agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further action or debate; that when the Senate receives H.R. 5986 and if its text is identical to S. 3326, Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5986, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further debate, with no amendments in order prior to passage; provided further that if the Coburn amendment is agreed to, the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9 and Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 3326, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further debate; that when the Senate receives H.R. 5986, the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of Sections 2 and 3 of S. 3326, as reported, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further debate, as amended; and S. 3326 be returned to the Calendar of Business; that no motions be in order other than motions to waive or motions to table.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2012, Senate begin consideration of S. 3326; following the debate on the Coburn amendment, the time until 11 a.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to the cloture vote on S. 3414, Cybersecurity Act; provided further, that notwithstanding the outcome of the cloture vote, Senate proceed to vote on or in relation to Coburn amendment to S. 3326, and the remaining provisions of the previous order be executed; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to S. 3414, be at 10 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2012.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5900.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine futures markets, focusing on responding to MF Global and Peregrine Financial Group, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, and Jill E. Sommers, Commissioner, both of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; James W. Giddens, Trustee for the Securities Investor Protection Act Liquidation of MF Global Inc., New York, New York; Ira Bodenstein, Trustee for the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc., Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, and John L. Roe, Commodity Customer Coalition, all of Chicago, Illinois; Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Diana Klemme, Grain Service Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's rental housing assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Kinard, Newark Housing Authority, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Dianne Hovdestad, Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Howard Husock, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; Will Fischer, Center on Budget and Policy Prior-

ities, Austin, Texas; and Linda Couch, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine marketplace fairness, focusing on leveling the playing field for small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin, Enzi, and Alexander; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; Steven Bercu, BookPeople, Austin, Texas; Scott Peterson, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Nashville, Tennessee; and Steve DelBianco, NetChoice, Washington, D.C.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the latest climate change science and local adaptation measures, after receiving testimony from John R. Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary, Annapolis; Christopher B. Field, Carnegie Institution for Science Department of Global Ecology, Stanford, California; John R. Christy, University of Alabama Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; James J. McCarthy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Fielding, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

TAXATION OF BUSINESS ENTITIES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the taxation of business entities, focusing on tax reform, after receiving testimony from Harrison LeFrak, The LeFrak Organization, and Dana L. Trier, Columbia University Law School, both of New York, New York; Alvin C. Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Fred C. de Hosson, Baker and McKenzie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

NEXT STEPS IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps in Syria, after receiving testimony from Martin Indyk, Brookings Institution, James Dobbins, The RAND Corporation, and Andrew J. Tabler, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

EUROZONE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the future of the eurozone, focusing on the outlook and lessons, after receiving testimony from Frances G.