Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6715–S6764

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3626, and S. Res. 590–591. **Page S6744**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, November 2, 2012:

S. 1998, to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–230)

Reported on Tuesday, November 13, 2012:

S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–231)

S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–232)

S. 3310, to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–233)

S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards. (S. Rept. No. 112–234)

S. 1268, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by providing for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational service by employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–235)

S. 1953, to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development. (S. Rept. No. 112–236)

S. 1701, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–237)

S. 1950, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–238) **Page S6744**

Measures Passed:

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4114, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6721**

Recognizing Raymond Weeks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 591, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Raymond Weeks and his efforts in the establishment of Veterans Day. **Page S6761**

Measures Considered:

Sportsmen's Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 3525, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6721**

Pending:

Reid (for Tester) Amendment No. 2875, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), to change the enactment date. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to Amendment No. 2876), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2875), to change the enactment date. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2879 (to Amendment No. 2878), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6727**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2880, to change the enactment date. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2882 (to Amendment No. 2881), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6727–28**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Thursday, November 15, 2012. **Pages S6728, S6761**

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

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S6721–27**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. **Page S6761**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S6728–29**

House Messages:

Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. **Page S6761**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S6761–64**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S6761**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—201) **Page S6727**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6761.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATTACKS IN BENGHAZI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on attacks in Benghazi from national security briefers.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 6587–6588; were introduced. **Page H6343**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6344**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 808, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6156) to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–693). **Page H6343**

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission. **Page H6330**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5:02 p.m. **Page H6330**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act: S. 1956, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme; **Pages H6330–34**

Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: H.R. 6371, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the General Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 361 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 604; and **Pages H6334–35, H6338**

Extending the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014: H.R. 6586, to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014. **Pages H6335–37**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6337**

Oath of Office—Eleventh Congressional District of Michigan: Representative-elect David Alan Curson presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter from Mr. Christopher M. Thomas, Director of Elections, Department of State, State of Michigan, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 6, 2012, the Honorable David Alan Curson was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District, State of Michigan. **Pages H6338–39, H6342**

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Washington: Representative-elect Suzan K. DelBene presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from the Honorable Sam Reed, Washington Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 6, 2012, the Honorable Suzan K. DelBene was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Washington. **Pages H6339, H6342**

Oath of Office—Fourth Congressional District of Kentucky: Representative-elect Thomas Massie presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Ms. Mary Sue Helm, Director of Elections and Administration, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Kentucky, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 6, 2012, the Honorable Thomas Massie was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District, State of Kentucky. **PageS H6339, H6342**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Washington and the gentlemen from Kentucky and Michigan, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H6341**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6337.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H6338. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Committee Meeting

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6156, the "Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik

Repeal Act of 2012''. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.R. 6156. The rule provides 90 minutes of debate, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–33 shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 19, 2012, through November 23, 2012, the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved, the Chair may adjourn the House to meet at a date and time within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, and bills and resolutions introduced shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred at a later time. Section 3 authorizes the Speaker to appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brady (TX) and Levin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D909)*

H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013. Signed on September 28, 2012. (Public Law 112–175)

S. 3245, to extend by 3 years the authorization of the EB–5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J–1 Visa Waiver Program. Signed on September 28, 2012. (Public Law 112–176)

S. 3552, to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Signed on September 28, 2012. (Public Law 112–177)

S. 3625, to change the effective date for the internet publication of certain information to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom the publication requirement applies. Signed on September 28, 2012. (Public Law 112–178)

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. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–179)

H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the ''Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse''. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–180)

H.R. 2139, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–181)

H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–182)

H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–183)

H.R. 3556, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the ''Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse''. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–184)

H.R. 4158, to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–185)

H.R. 4223, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–186)

H.R. 4347, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the ''Robert Boochever United States Courthouse''. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–187)

H.R. 5512, to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–188)

H.R. 6189, to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–189)

H.R. 6215, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–190)

H.R. 6375, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–191)

H.R. 6431, to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–192)

H.R. 6433, to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–193)

S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–194)

S. 710, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system. Signed on October 5, 2012. (Public Law 112–195)

S. 3624, to amend section 31311 of title 49, United States Code, to permit States to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State. Signed on October 19, 2012. (Public Law 112–196)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Basel III, focusing on the impact of proposed capital rules, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to receive a closed briefing on the attack on the United States mission in Benghazi, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

House Committees

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled ''The Fungal Meningitis Outbreak: Could It Have Been Prevented?'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Benghazi and Beyond: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How To Prevent It From Happening at other Frontline Posts'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, November 16, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled ''A Line in the Sand: Assessing Dangerous Threats to Our Nation's Borders'', 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

November 15, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled ''WMD Terrorism: Assessing the Continued Homeland Threat'', 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

November 15, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled ''TSA's Recent Scanner Shuffle: Real Strategy or Wasteful Smokescreen?'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, November 14, Subcommittee on Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled ''Trade Adjustment Assistance for U.S. Firms: Evaluating Program Effectiveness and Recommendations'', 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, November 14, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled ''Is 'Meaningful Use' Delivering Meaningful Results?: An Examination of Health Information Technology Standards and Interoperability'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The U.S. Antarctic Program: Achieving Fiscal and Logistical Efficiency While Supporting Sound Science'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA): A Review of the Department of Transportation Inspector General's Findings and Recommendations'', 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, November 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled ''Review of Veterans Employment Challenges and Initiatives of the 112th Congress'', 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 15, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: November 16, to receive a briefing on assessing Ukraine's parliamentary elections, focusing on the lack of a level playing field, 10 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 14 through November 16, 2012

Senate Chamber

Senate will continue consideration of S. 3525, Sportsmen's Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: November 15, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and to be Commander, U.S. Forces, Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Basel III, focusing on the impact of proposed capital rules, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 15, to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled,

''Water Resources Development Act of 2012'', 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 15, to hold hearings to examine pharmacy compounding, focusing on implications of the 2012 meningitis outbreak, 9:45 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 14, to receive a closed briefing on the attack on the United States mission in Benghazi, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: November 15, to hold hearings to examine preventing elder financial abuse, 2 p.m., SD–562.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through September 30, 2012

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	112	114	..
Time in session	729 hrs., 8′	624 hrs., 53′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	S6689	H6298	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	E1672	..
Public bills enacted into law	25	63	88
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	337	365	702
Senate bills	46	29	..
House bills	81	241	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	12	9	..
House concurrent resolutions	12	15	..
Simple resolutions	182	68	..
Measures reported, total	182	300	482
Senate bills	132	11	..
House bills	29	242	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	19	44	..
Special reports	5	28	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	377	96	..
Measures introduced, total	1,875	3,165	5,044
Bills	1,594	2,804	..
Joint resolutions	17	23	..
Concurrent resolutions	26	45	..
Simple resolutions	238	297	..
Quorum calls	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	200	194	..
Recorded votes	..	407**	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 127 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 331 reports have been filed in the House.

** Proceedings on Roll Call No. 327 were vacated by unanimous consent.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through September 30, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 408 (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	225
Unconfirmed	166
Withdrawn	16
Returned to White House	1
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,899 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,893
Unconfirmed	3
Withdrawn	3
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,812 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,769
Unconfirmed	42
Withdrawn	1
Army nominations, totaling 6,057 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,042
Unconfirmed	14
Withdrawn	1
Navy nominations, totaling 3,824 (including 1 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,822
Unconfirmed	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,310, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,310

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	657
Total Nominations received this Session	20,643
Total confirmed	21,061
Total unconfirmed	227
Total withdrawn	21
Total Returned to the White House	1

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to S. 3525, Sportsmen's Act, will be at 4 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 14

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: (1) Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2606—New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act; (2) H.R. 6570—To amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements; (3) Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2453—Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act; (4) H.R. 6116—To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct appeals to the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, as amended; and (5) H.R. 5934—Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2012.

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