

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7405–S7641

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3657–3662, and S. Res. 609–610. **Pages S7458–59**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 183, to clarify the applicability of certain maritime laws with respect to the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon. (S. Rept. No. 112–245)

Report to accompany S. 1759, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition. (S. Rept. No. 112–246)

Report to accompany S. 2279, to amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to provide additional protection for the R.M.S. Titanic and its wreck site. (S. Rept. No. 112–247)

Report to accompany S. 3410, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006. (S. Rept. No. 112–248) **Page S7458**

Measures Passed:

Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act: Senate passed S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7636–37**

Cardin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3310, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7636–37**

Alan Phillip Gross: Senate agreed to S. Res. 609, calling for the immediate and unconditional release of United States citizen Alan Phillip Gross from detention in Cuba and urging the Government of Cuba to address his medical issues. **Pages S7637–38**

Teen Cancer Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 573, designating the third week of January 2013 as “Teen Cancer Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7638**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 595, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7638**

Graduate Research Fellowship Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 610, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation. **Page S7639**

Measures Considered:

Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory 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. **Pages S7437–45, S7448–53**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that no amendments be in order to the bill; that on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, there be up to ten minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Pages S7435–36**

Walker and Berg Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, December 6, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that there be 15 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the

period of debate on the nominations, Senate proceed to Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 6156, and following disposition of H.R. 6156, Senate resume Executive Session and vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S7636**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 72 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 222), Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and Navy.

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Text of S. 3254 as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—222) **Page S7448**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7639.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on response and recovery and progress and challenges, after receiving testimony from Senators Schumer, Mikulski, Lieberman, Reed, Carper, Cardin, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

MALI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine assessing developments in Mali, focusing on restoring democracy and reclaiming the north, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Christopher Fomunyoh, National Democratic Institute, Corinne Dufka, Human Rights Watch, and Nii Akuetteh, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mohamed Ould Mahmoud, Lobbying Network for Peace, Security, and Development for Northern Mali, Bamako.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 6633–6641; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 825–826, were introduced. **Page H6675**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6675–76**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4297, to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st Century, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–699, Pt. 1). **Page H6675**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6625**

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

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2838, with an amendment: H. Res. 825, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2838, with an amendment; **Pages H6626–44**

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived: S. Con. Res. 50, to express the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 617; **Pages H6644–46, H6656–57**

Former Presidents Protection Act of 2012: H.R. 6620, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate certain limitations on the length of Secret Service Protection for former Presidents and for the children of former Presidents; **Pages H6646–47**

Making revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements: H.R. 6602, to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 618; **Pages H6647–50, H6657–58**

Eliminating an unnecessary reporting requirement for an unfunded DNA Identification grant program: H.R. 6605, to eliminate an unnecessary reporting requirement for an unfunded DNA Identification grant program; **Page H6650**

Amending section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States: H.R. 6223, amended, to amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization if at least a portion of such period was spent in Iraq or Afghanistan; **Pages H6650–52**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that

a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6652**

Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012: S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty; and **Pages H6652–56**

21st Century Language Act of 2012: S. 2367, to strike the word “lunatic” from Federal law, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 619. **Pages H6656, H6658**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m. **Page H6656**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the Capito motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5817. **Page H6656**

Changing the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6634, to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms. **Page H6659**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Jack Brooks, former Member of Congress. **Page H6659**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 7th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 11th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6662**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6657, H6657–58, and H6658. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRANIAN INFLUENCE IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS AND THE SURROUNDING REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled “Iranian Influence in the South Caucasus and the Surrounding Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 6364, the “Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act”; H.R. 752, the “Molalla River Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; and S. 3193, the “Barona Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Clarification Act of 2012”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 6364 and H.R. 752. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: S. 3193.

IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ON AMERICAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Impact of International Technology Transfer on American Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from Dennis C. Shea, U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D974)

H.R. 2453, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain. Signed on December 4, 2012. (Public Law 112–201)

H.R. 6118, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification. Signed on December 4, 2012. (Public Law 112–202)

H.R. 6131, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006. Signed on December 4, 2012. (Public Law 112–203)

H.R. 6570, to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate cer-

tain CBO reporting requirements. Signed on December 4, 2012. (Public Law 112–204)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on Housing and Urban Development’s response to fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine superstorm Sandy, focusing on the devastating impact on the nation’s largest transportation systems, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1223, to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Mark A. Barnett, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Louise W. Kelton, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Patrick J. Wilkerson, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Update on the High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Program: Mistakes Made and Lessons Learned”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the fiscal cliff, focusing on how to protect the middle class, sustain long-term economic growth, and reduce the Federal deficit, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, December 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (with the time from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for speeches by retiring Senators, and not to extend beyond 11:45 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. At approximately 12:00 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6156, Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act. At approximately 12:10 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 6156, Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act, and confirmation of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.

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