

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7753–S7990

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3670–3677, and S. Res. 614–615. **Pages S7976–77**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4310, 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, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 3254, the Senate amendment, as passed by the Senate on December 4, 2012, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7793–S7972**

Durbin Amendment No. 3332 (to the Senate amendment), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7793–94**

Menendez/Kirk Amendment No. 3333 (to the Senate amendment), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7794**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (NE), Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Wicker, Brown (MA), Portman, Ayotte, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Vitter. **Page S7972**

Subsequently, Senate vitiated the December 4, 2012 passage of the bill, and the adoption of the Senate Amendment. **Page S7786**

Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act: Senate passed H.R. 3783, to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7988**

Coons (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3334, to provide that the comprehensive strategy may be sub-

mitted in classified form, but shall include an unclassified summary of policy recommendations to address the growing Iranian threat in the Western Hemisphere. **Page S7988**

Flood Disaster Protection Act: Senate passed S. 3677, to make a technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. **Pages S7988–89**

World Peace Corps Mission and the World Peace Prize: Senate agreed to S. Res. 614, celebrating the World Peace Corps Mission and the World Peace Prize. **Page S7989**

2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry: Senate agreed to S. Res. 615, congratulating the recipients of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. **Page S7989**

House Messages:

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2838, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015. **Pages S7972–93**

Transaction Account Guarantee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2012; that it be in order for the Republican Leader, or designee, to raise a budget point of order against the bill; that if a point of order is raised, the Majority Leader, or designee, be recognized to move to waive the point of order; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to waive the budget point of order, if such a motion is made; that if the motion to waive is successful, Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; that if the motion to waive is not successful, the cloture motion be withdrawn and the Majority Leader be recognized; and that if a budget point of order is not raised, the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. **Page S7989**

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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7990.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TAX REFORM AND FEDERAL ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine tax reform and Federal energy policy, focusing on incentives to promote energy efficiency, after receiving testimony from Dan Arvizu, Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, and Mark Wagner, Johnson Controls, both of Washington, D.C.; and Matt Golden, Efficiency First, San Francisco, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senators Landrieu and Vitter, Andrew Pat-

rick Gordon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representatives Paul Ryan and Norton, and Beverly Reid O’Connell, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENDING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine ending the school-to-prison pipeline, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General; Representatives Robert C. Scott and Danny K. Davis; Deborah Delisle, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Melodee Hanes, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Steven C. Teske, Clayton County Juvenile Court Chief Judge, Jonesboro, Georgia; Judith A. Browne Dianis, Advancement Project, and Andrew J. Coulson, Cato Institute Center for Educational Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Edward Ward, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training, who was introduced by Senator Tester, and William S. Greenberg, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 6650–6653; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 829–830 were introduced. **Page H6765**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6765**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 6364, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, including a National World War I Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–701, Pt. 1). **Page H6765**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6703**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6710**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jerome Milton, Greater New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas. **Pages H6710–11**

Providing for Consideration of Motions To Suspend the Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 827, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 622, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 621. **Pages H6714–23, H6739–40**

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

Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act: H.R. 5817, amended, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement; **Pages H6723–24**

No-Hassle Flying Act of 2012: S. 3542, to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports; **Pages H6728–31**

DHS Audit Requirement Target Act of 2012: S. 1998, to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security; and **Pages H6731–33**

Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act: H.R. 6364, amended, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I and to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, including a National World War I Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia. **Page H6733–39**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6738–39**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012: H.R. 6190, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to allow for the distribution, sale, and consumption in the United States of remaining inventories of over-the-counter CFC epinephrine in-

halers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 623. **Pages H6724–28, H6740–41**

Medal of Valor Review Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed Joanne Hayes-White of San Francisco, CA, to the Medal of Valor Review Board. **Page H6739**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 4:33 p.m. **Page H6739**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 829, returning several measures to the Senate. **Page H6739**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 13th. **Page H6739**

Designating the Ranking of a Certain Named Member: The House agreed to H. Res. 830, designating the ranking of a certain named Member of a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H6739**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Clackamas Town Center shooting, and their families. **Page H6740**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6711.

Senate Referral: S. 3564 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H6763**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6739–40, H6740 and H6741. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING THE NEW BROADBAND SPECTRUM LAW ON TRACK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Keeping the New Broadband Spectrum Law on Track”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Julius Genachowski, Chairman; Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner; and Ajit Pai, Commissioner.

CHALLENGES FACING THE U.S. CAPITAL MARKETS TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT TITLE VII OF THE DOD–FRANK ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Challenges Facing the U.S. Capital Markets to Effectively Implement Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act”. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

HGH TESTING IN THE NFL: IS THE SCIENCE READY?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “HGH Testing in the NFL: Is the Science Ready?”. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Tabak, Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF NASA: PERSPECTIVES ON STRATEGIC VISION FOR AMERICA’S SPACE PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of NASA: Perspectives on Strategic Vision for America’s Space Program.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting to approve Activities Report for the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The report was approved without amendment.

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE CHILD DEATHS DUE TO MALTREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Proposal to Reduce Child Deaths Due to Maltreatment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine improving care for dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on a progress update, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine terrorist networks in Pakistan and proliferation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs); to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC–217, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on attacks in Benghazi, 2 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on assessing the Federal response and small business recovery efforts, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on “Dodd-Frank Derivatives Reform: Challenges Facing U.S. and International Markets”, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “State of Uncertainty: Implementation of PPACA’s Exchanges and Medicaid Expansion”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Impact of the Volcker Rule on Markets, Businesses, Investors and Job Creation, Part II”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 819, Directing the Attorney General of the United States to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, any documents and legal memoranda in the Attorney General’s possession relating to the practice of targeted killing of United States citizens and targets abroad, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Northeast Corridor Future: Options for High-Speed Rail Development and Opportunities for Private Sector Participation”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE, 8:30 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed meeting.

Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 3637, Transaction Account Guarantee, with up to two votes on the motion to waive a point of order, if a point of order is raised against the bill, and the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at approximately 12 p.m. The second-degree amendment filing deadline will be at 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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