

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 619, electing Senator Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, authorizing the administration of the oath of office of President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3684–3688, and S. Res. 619–621. **Page S8071**

Measures Reported:

S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–251)

S. 1223, to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8071**

Measures Passed:

Strengthening Investigations of Sex Offenders and Missing Children Act: Senate passed S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshal Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children. **Pages S8086–87**

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act: Senate passed S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8087**

Reid (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 3341, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8087**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 6223, 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. **Pages S8087–88**

Federal Water Pollution Control Act: Senate passed S. 3687, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, to designate certain Federal buildings. **Page S8088**

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act: Senate passed H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8089**

Reid (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 3342, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8089**

Electing the President Pro Tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 619, to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States. **Page S8089**

Authorizing the Administration of the Oath of Office of President Pro Tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, to authorize Harry Reid, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to administer the oath of office

of President of the Senate Pro Tempore to Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

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Condemning the Horrific Attacks in Newtown, Connecticut: Senate agreed to S. Res. 621, condemning the horrific attacks in Newtown, Connecticut, and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by that tragedy.

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Uninterrupted Scholars Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hagan (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3345, in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338, in the nature of a substitute.

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Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3339 (to Amendment No. 3338), of a perfecting nature.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's fiscal year (FY) 2013 Budget and Financial Plan, received during adjournment of the Senate on December 14, 2012; which was referred to the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM–63)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Fernando M. Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Nicholas Christopher Geale, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2013.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S8070–71**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S8086**

Recess: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and recessed at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8092.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 6671–6674; and 3, H. Con. Res. 145; and H. Res. 833–834 were introduced. **Page H6828**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6828**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 3193, to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–702) and H.R. 3548, to facilitate United States access to North American oil resources, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–703, Pt. 1). **Page H6828**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6809**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6809**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H6809, H6815**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H6811**

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

Authorizing the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park: H.R. 4606, amended, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 627 and

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Barona Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Clarification Act of 2012: S. 3193, to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 306 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 628.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H6813**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT on December 14, 2012. **Page H6814**

Condemning the horrific attacks in Newtown, Connecticut and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by this tragedy: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H.

Res. 833, to condemn the horrific attacks in Newtown, Connecticut and to express support and prayers for all those impacted by this tragedy.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia's fiscal year 2013 Budget and Financial Plan—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–157).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H6824.

Senate Referrals: S. 3313 and S. 2045 were referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs; S. 3687 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and the Judiciary; and S. 3472 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Page H6810**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6813, H6814–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine computerized trading venues, focusing on what should the rules of the road be, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, and Albert G. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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

House

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 4:30 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 18 through December 21,
2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 18, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine computerized trading venues, focusing on what should the rules of the road be, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

December 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine consumer credit reports, 10 a.m., SD-538.

December 20, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine recovering from superstorm Sandy, focusing on rebuilding our infrastructure, 11 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 18, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: December 18, business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, and Albert G. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

December 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William B. Shultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 19, to receive a closed briefing on the Accountability Review Board, 8:30 a.m., SVC-217.

December 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and the lessons learned, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 19, to hold hearings to examine the state of the right to vote after the 2012 election, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1560, to enhance access to controlled substances for residents of institutional long-term care facilities, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: December 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and William S. Greenberg, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 18, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 20, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, December 19, Full Committee, hearing on an update on the evolving security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and implications for U.S. national security, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 19, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans: Evaluating PBGC's Insurance Program and Financial Outlook", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6654, To provide for the exchange of information related to trade enforcement, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, December 18, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 4:30 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

December 19, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

December 20, Full Committee, business meeting, Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE, 9 a.m., HVC-304.

December 20, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9:30 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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