

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8235–S8321

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3699–3704, and S. Res. 626–627. **Page S8302**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet. (S. Rept. No. 112–258)

S. 3523, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend protection to fashion design. (S. Rept. No. 112–259) **Page S8302**

Measures Passed:

Date for Counting Electoral Votes: Senate passed H.J. Res. 122, establishing the date for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2012. **Page S8251**

Maniilaq Association: Senate passed H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8308**

Durbin (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3423, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8308**

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 4053, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending. **Page S8308**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 2388, to reauthorize and amend the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8308–18**

Durbin (for Begich) Amendment No. 3424, of a perfecting nature. **Page S8313**

Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 439, expressing the sense of the Senate that Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC should eliminate the “adult entertainment” section of the classified advertising website Backpage.com, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8318–20**

2012 Heisman Memorial Trophy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 617, congratulating the recipient of the 2012 Heisman Memorial Trophy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8320**

Designating the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, designating the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. **Page S8320**

Video Tape Service Provider: Senate passed H.R. 6671, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet. **Pages S8320–21**

Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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 and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8236–37**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3395, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3397 (to Amendment No. 3396), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3398 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3399 (to Amendment No. 3398), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3400, to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3401 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3400), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3401), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the conference report to accompany 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; Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3395 (listed above); and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, December 21, 2012. **Page S8273**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization 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 begin consideration of the conference report to accompany 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; that there be up to one hour of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Pages S8251–74**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designation of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized

System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–64)

Pages S8299–S8300

Brann, Mannion, and Tigar Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Matthew W. Brann, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Malachy Edward Mannion, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Jon S. Tigar, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S8273**

Messages from the House: **Page S8300**

Measures Referred: **Page S8300**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8300**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8298–99**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8305–08**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S8308**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S8308**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine recovering from superstorm Sandy, focusing on rebuilding our infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation; Yolanda Chavez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development,

Department of Housing and Urban Development; James Weinstein, NJ TRANSIT Corporation, Morristown, New Jersey; Thomas F. Prendergast, MTA New York City Transit, Brewster, New York; and Patrick J. Foye, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Sands Point, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BENGHAZI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and the lessons learned, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns and Thomas R. Nides, both a Deputy Secretary of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 6690–6702; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 842 was introduced. **Pages H7423–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7424–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Gregory Meeks (H. Rept. 112–709);

In the Matter of Representative Tim Ryan (H. Rept. 112–710);

H.R. 1073, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 112–711);

H.R. 2919, to eliminate the reimbursement requirement for certain tornado shelters constructed with Federal assistance, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–712);

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Fourth Quarter (H. Rept. 112–713);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the Fourth Quarter of the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–714);

H.R. 1063, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–715, Pt. 1);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Shelley Berkley (H. Rept. 112–716); and

H.R. 3116, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–717, Pt. 1). **Page H7423**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7361**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 315 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 645.

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H. Res. 840, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 642, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 641.

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Spending Reduction Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 6684, to provide for spending reduction, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 215 yeas to 209 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 644.

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Rejected the Van Hollen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 179 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 643.

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H. Res. 841, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 66) and the bill (H.R. 6684) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 640, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 639. **Pages H7374–83**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, December 19th:

Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act: H.R. 3197, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Spokane, Washington, as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 646; **Pages H7413–14**

William “Bill” Kling VA Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 6443, to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 9800 West Commercial Boulevard in Sunrise, Florida, as the “William ‘Bill’ Kling VA Clinic”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 647; **Page H7414**

Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act: S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 648;

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Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act: H.R. 1509, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards; **Page H7416**

Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”; **Page H7416**

Sidney “Sid” Sanders McMath Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Sidney ‘Sid’ Sanders McMath Post Office Building”; **Page H7416**

Cecil E. Bolt Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the “Cecil E. Bolt Post Office”; **Page H7416**

Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the “Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office”; **Page H7416**

Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina,

as the “Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office”; and **Page H7416**

Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 Simi Village Drive in Simi Valley, California, as the “Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building”. **Page H7416**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened at 9:01 p.m. **Page H7415**

Providing for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S.J. Res. 49, to provide for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H7415**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow, December 21st. **Page H7415**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of his intent to terminate the designation of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–158).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H7361.

Senate Referrals: S. 3630, S. 3662, and S. 3698 were referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 2318 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and S. 3202 was referred to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs, Armed Services, and the Budget. **Page H7421**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7381–82, H7382–83, H7383, H7383–84, H7411–12, H7412, H7413, H7413–14, H7414, H7415. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meeting

BENGHAZI ATTACK, PART II: THE REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board”. Testimony was heard from William J. Burns, Deputy Secretary, Department of State; and Thomas R. Nides, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING—INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ON THE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES POSED BY CHINESE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES HUAWEI AND ZTE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE. The Report was adopted.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Friday, December 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, December 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, National Defense Authorization Act, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 2 p.m. Upon disposition of the conference report, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3395 to H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act. The filing-deadline for all second-degree amendments to H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act is at 1:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 2 p.m.



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