Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 8, American Taxpayer Relief Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8557–S8610

Measures Introduced: Two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 628–629. **Pages S8589–90**

Measures Passed:

American Taxpayer Relief Act: By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate passed H.R. 8, to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, and to provide for expedited consideration of a bill providing for comprehensive tax reform, by the order of the Senate of Tuesday, January 1, 2013, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8584–86**

Adopted:

Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 3448, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8585**

Pryor (for Reid) Amendment No. 3450, to amend the title. **Page S8586**

Space Launch Liability Provisions: Senate passed H.R. 6586, to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8608–09**

Pryor (for Nelson (FL)/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3449, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8609**

Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8609**

Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline: Senate passed S. 302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park. **Page S8609**

Inter-Country Adoptions of Russian Children: Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate in the enactment by the Russian Government of a law ending inter-country adoptions of Russian children by United States citizens and urging the Russia Government to reconsider the law and prioritize the processing of inter-country adoptions involving parentless Russian children who were already matched with United States families before the enactment of the law. **Pages S8609–10**

Authorize the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 629, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Armed Services. **Page S8610**

Messages from the House: **Page S8588**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8588**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S8590–92**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8586–88**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8592–S8608**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—251) **Page S8585**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2012 and adjourned at 2:31 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, until 2 p.m. on the same day.

(For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8610.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 6720–6725 were introduced, no resolutions were introduced today. **Page H7516**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7516**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 752, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–735);

H.R. 4194, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–736);

H.R. 4019, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest land, while also reducing the cost of managing such land, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such land, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–737, Pt. 1); Fourth Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration (H. Rept. 112–738); and

Summary of Activities of the Committee on Ethics for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–739). **Page H7516**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harper to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7471**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H7475**

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

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013: S. 3454, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 652; **Pages H7479–85, H7512**

Redesignating the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range: H.R. 6612, to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 653; **Pages H7485–91, H7512–13**

Amending the Animal Welfare Act To Modify the Definition of "Exhibitor": S. 3666, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to modify the definition of "exhibitor"; **Page H7495**

Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6364, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I and to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 654; **Pages H7495–98, H7513–14**

Calling on the New Government of Egypt To Honor the Rule of Law and Immediately Return Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States: H. Res. 193, amended, to call on the new Government of Egypt to honor the rule of law and immediately return Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States; and **Pages H7506–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling for the safe and immediate return of Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States.". **Page H7508**

Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2012: H.R. 6649, amended, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients. **Pages H7508–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened at 5:44 p.m. **Page H7512**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Providing for the Conveyance of Certain Property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association Located in Kotzebue, Alaska: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; **Page H7491**

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012: Concur in the Senate amendment to 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; **Pages H7491–95**

Calling for Universal Condemnation of the North Korean Missile Launch of December 12, 2012: H. Con. Res. 145, amended, to call for universal condemnation of the North Korean missile launch of December 12, 2012; **Pages H7498–H7500**

Condemning the Government of Iran for Its State-Sponsored Persecution of Its Baha'i Minority and Its Continued Violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights: H. Res. 134, amended, to condemn the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; and **Pages H7500–03**

Urging the Governments of Europe and the European Union to Designate Hizballah as a Terrorist Organization and Impose Sanctions: H. Res. 834, to urge the governments of Europe and the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization and impose sanctions, and to urge the President to provide information about Hizballah to the European allies of the United States and to support the Government of Bulgaria in investigating the July 18, 2012, terrorist attack in Burgas. **Pages H7503–06**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow. **Page H7514**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H7511–12.

Senate Referrals: S. 140 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 114, S. 264, S. 499, S. 970, S. 1047, S. 1421, S. 1478, S. 2015, S. 3250, S. 3563, and S. 3715 were held at the desk. **Pages H7511–12, H7514**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7512, H7513, H7513–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Tuesday, January 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, January 1

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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