

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8413–S8538

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1754–1777, S. Res. 309–311, and S. Con. Res. 26–29. **Pages S8456–57**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 246), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S8441**

Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth. **Pages S8413–18**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1197, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8437–41**

Pending:

Reid (for Levin/Inhofe) Amendment No. 2123, to increase to \$5,000,000,000 the ceiling on the general transfer authority of the Department of Defense. **Page S8437**

Reid (for Levin/Inhofe) Amendment No. 2124 (to Amendment No. 2123), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8437**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2305, to change the enactment date. **Page S8437**

Reid Amendment No. 2306 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2305), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8437**

Reid Amendment No. 2307 (to Amendment No. 2306), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8437**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 245), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S8440–41**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Page S8441**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the bill, to allow the Chairman and Ranking Member to provide a status update on the bill. **Page S8537**

Appointments:

United States Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Section 2(b) of Public Law 98–183, as amended by Public Law 103–419, appointed Gail Heriot, of California, to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, for a term of six years. **Page S8537**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, November 21, 2013, through Monday, December 9, 2013, Senators Warner, Kaine, and Rockefeller be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S8537**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 22, 2013, at 11:15 a.m.; Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at 11 a.m.; Friday, November 29, 2013, at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 11 a.m.; and Friday, December 6, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.; that the Senate adjourn on Friday, December 6, 2013, until 2 p.m., on Monday, December 9, 2013, unless the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 28, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; and that if the Senate receives such a message, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., on Monday, December 9, 2013.

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Millett Nomination: By 55 yeas to 43 nays, 2 responding present (Vote No. 244), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8418, S8441–48**

Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 40 nays, 3 responding present (Vote No. 239), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Pages S8416–17**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 240), Senate rejected the McConnell motion to adjourn until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013. **Page S8417**

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate rejected the ruling of the Chair that the cloture vote for all nominations other than for the Supreme Court is not by majority vote. Subsequently, Senator Reid motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

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By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate sustained the ruling of the Chair that under precedent set by the Senate today, November 21, 2013, the threshold for cloture on nominations, not including those of the Supreme Court, is now a majority. Subsequently, Senator McConnell motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was rejected.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, December 9, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination

of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, post-cloture, with up to 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sherry Moore Trafford, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven M. Wellner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Andrew Mark Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2016.

David Radzanowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2017.

John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time: Pages S8455, S8537**Enrolled Bills Presented:** Page S8455**Executive Communications:** Pages S8455–56**Executive Reports of Committees:** Page S8456**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S8457–62**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**
Pages S8462–67**Additional Statements:** Pages S8453–55**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S8467–S8527**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**
Pages S8527–28**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today.
(Total—246) Pages S8416–18, S8441**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 11:15 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8537.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on powers and structure of a strong regulator, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Diane Ellis, Director, Division of Insurance and Research, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Kurt Regner, Arizona Department of Insurance Assistant Director, Phoenix, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Bart Dzivi, The Dzivi Law Firm, Sausalito, California; Robert M. Couch, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the Bipartisan Policy Center Housing Commission; and Paul Leonard, The Financial Services Roundtable Housing Policy Council, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul Nathan Jaenichen, Sr., of Kentucky, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, and Debra L. Miller, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, both of the Department of Transportation, and Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Promotion and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 258, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, with amendments;

S. 364, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest;

S. 715, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, with amendments;

S. 782, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, with amendments;

S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada;

S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia;

S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944;

S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona;