Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1546–S1572

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 538–564, and S. Res. 98–100. **Page S1546–47**

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. **Page S1543**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 10, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur immediately following the Senate's action in Executive Session on Monday, March 14, 2011. **Page S1543**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1543**

Boasberg Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S1568**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 38), Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. **Pages S1537–41, S1572**

Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2012. **Pages S1568, S1572**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher B. Howard, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Dereth Britt Glance, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Richard M. Moy, of Montana, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S1572**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Pages S1540–41**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:35 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1568.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and

Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder Jr., Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; Andrew M. Gibb, National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

DEFENSE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for defense and international affairs, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn III, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Thomas R. Nides, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Portman, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 398, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and S. 395, to repeal certain amendments to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to lighting energy efficiency, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Joseph McGuire, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, Steven Yurek, The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute, Kyle Pistor, National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America (CFA), all of Washington, D.C.; and Howard M. Brandston, Hollowville, New York.

CHILD WELFARE WAIVERS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovations in child welfare waivers, focusing on a pathway to reform, after receiving testimony from Crystal Ward Allen, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, Columbus; William C. Bell, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, Washington; Isha McNeely, Portland, Oregon; and Joscelynn Murdock, Santa Barbara, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INFORMATION SHARING IN THE ERA OF WIKILEAKS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine information sharing in the era of WikiLeaks, focusing on balancing security and collaboration, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary of State for Management; Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, and Acting Assistant Secretary for Networks and Information Integration, and Thomas Ferguson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense; and Corin R. Stone, Intelligence Community Information Sharing Executive, and Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIDGEPOINT EDUCATION, INC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Bridgepoint Education, Inc., focusing on a case study in for-profit education and oversight, after receiving testimony from Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; Arlie Thoreson Willems, Practitioner Preparation, Anamosa, Iowa; Sylvia Manning, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Higher Learning Commission, Chicago, Illinois; and Jose Cruz, Education Trust, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, with amendments; and

The nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 992–1030; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 160–164, were introduced. **Pages H1722–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1726–27**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–29). **Page H1722**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latta to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1669**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1675**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Raymond Bowman, Spruce Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. **Page H1675**

FHA Refinance Program Termination Act: The House passed H.R. 830, to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 171. **Pages H1678–H1704**

Rejected the Deutch motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 170. **Pages H1702–04**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1686**