Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5481–S5505

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1538–1544. **Pages S5498–99**

Measures Reported:

S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

S. 1094, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–416). **Page S5498**

Measures Considered:

Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. **Pages S5488–90, S5504–05**

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

By 53 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 131), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S5504**

Subsequently, a motion was entered to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S5504**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. **Page S5504**

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

Transmitting a legislative proposal entitled the "American Jobs Act"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–20) **Page S5495**

Messages from the House: **Page S5495**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S5495**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5494–95**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5504**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—131) **Page S5505**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5504.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, who was introduced by Senators Cornyn and Grassley, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2882–2899; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 78, were introduced. **Pages H6096–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6098–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 963, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide immunity for reports of suspected terrorist activity or suspicious behavior and response (H. Rept. 112–204) and

H.R. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals (H. Rept. 112–205). **Page H6096**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6045**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6045**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H6046**

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

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011: H.R. 2076, amended, 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, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 699; **Pages H6046–47, H6050–51**

Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011: H.R. 2633, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 700; and **Pages H6047–48, H6051**

Protecting the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information: H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, by a yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 701. **Pages H6048–49, H6052**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m. **Page H6049**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that (1) it shall be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2887) to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes; (2) the bill shall be considered as read; (3) the bill shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and (4) the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. **Page H6052**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Mica wherein he transmitted copies of six resolutions, related to the General Services Administration's FY 2011 and FY 2012 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 8, 2011. **Page H6052**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a legislative proposal, the "American Jobs Act of 2011", together with a section-by-section analysis of the legislation—referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, House Administration, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Rules, Science, Space and Technology, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means (H. Doc. 112–53). **Pages H6049–50**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page .

Senate Referrals: S. 1239 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H6094**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6050–51, H6051, and H6052. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on if there should be a government guarantee, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine whether there is a role for tax reform in comprehensive deficit reduction and United States fiscal policy, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, and Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine poverty, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if we are safer, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine agro-defense, focusing on responding to threats against America's agriculture and food system, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, 9:30 a.m., HVC–210.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Outside Experts, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled ''Workforce Challenges Facing the Agriculture Industry.'' 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the ''EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011;'' and H.R. 2681, the ''Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.'' 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled ''Ensuring Appropriate Regulatory Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Legislative Proposals to Improve Investment Adviser Oversight.'' 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy and Technology, hearing entitled ''Road Map to Sound Money: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1098 and Restoring the Dollar.'' 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, joint hearing entitled ''Has Mérida Evolved? Part One: The Evolution of Drug Cartels and the Threat to Mexico's Governance.'' 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled ''Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit our Visa System?'' 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 822, the ''National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011.'' 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 302, the ''Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011''; H.R. 758, the ''National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act''; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, the ''Montana Land Sovereignty Act''; H.R. 846, the ''Idaho Land Sovereignty Act''; and H.R. 2147, the ''Utah Land Sovereignty Act.'' 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2360 the ''Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act'' (POWER Act); H.R. 2752, the ''BLM Live Internet Auctions Act''; and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled ''Take Two: The President's Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs.'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''STEM in Action: Inspiring the Science and Engineering Workforce of Tomorrow.'' 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on Veterans Employment Summit, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: to hold hearings to examine the history and drivers of our nation's debt and its threat, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 13

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2218—Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act.

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