

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6473–S6563*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1700–1713, S. Res. 293, and S. Con. Res. 30–31. **Pages S6505–06**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6505**

#### Measures Passed:

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 31, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of S. 1280. **Page S6562**

**Underground Railroad Memorial 10-year Commemoration:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, celebrating the 10-year commemoration of the Underground Railroad Memorial, comprised of the Gateway to Freedom Monument in Detroit, Michigan and the Tower of Freedom Monument in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. **Page S6562**

**Joint Meeting—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting at 4 p.m., on Thursday, October 13, 2011. **Page S6484**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, October 17, 2011, Senate begin consider-

ation of H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; that the committee amendment be withdrawn and that the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, or his designee, be recognized to offer Amendment No. 738 which consists of the text of the withdrawn amendment as Division A, the text of S. 1572, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, as Division B, and the text of S. 1596, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, as Division C; provided further, that H.R. 2596, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, and Division C of Amendment No. 738 be deemed House passed text in H.R. 2112 for purposes of Rule XVI; and, that Amendment No. 738 for the purpose of paragraph 1 of Rule XVI be considered a committee amendment. **Pages S6561–62**

**Higginbottom Nomination—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 nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, that there be four hours for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination, and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S6497**

**Bissoon Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, October 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Cathy Bissoon, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania; that there be 15 minutes for debate equally divided, in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 48 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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By 83 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Susan Owens Hickey, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

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Katherine B. Forrest, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—165) **Pages S6493–94**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6563.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### IRAN

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine address-

ing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later, including S. 1048, to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, after receiving testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; and David W. Mills, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

### INNOVATIVE PRACTICES TO CREATE JOBS AND REDUCE POLLUTION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy concluded a hearing to examine innovative practices to create jobs and reduce pollution, after receiving testimony from Phil Schoen, Geothermal Exchange Organization (GEO–Enterprises), Catoosa, Oklahoma; Kyle W. Kempf, National Small Business Association (NSBA), and Anne E. Smith, NERA Economic Consulting, both of Washington, D.C.; Edward White, Jr., National Grid, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Steve Rowlan, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina.

### CARCIERI CRISIS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities, after receiving testimony from Representative Cole; Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Donald Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, all of the Department of the Interior; Richard A. Guest, Native American Rights Fund, Washington, D.C.; Colette Routel, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota; William Lomax, Native American Finance Officers Association, Phoenix, Arizona; and Carl J. Artman, Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, with amendments;

H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts;

S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts;