

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S51–S79

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2034, S.J. Res. 35, and S. Res. 353. **Page S75**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the North Dakota State University football team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. **Pages S77–78**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session. **Page S56**

Debt Ceiling Increase—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 26, 2012, Senate begin consideration of motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 98, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on January 12, 2012; that the time until noon be for debate on the motion to proceed, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at noon, Senate vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed; that if the motion is successful, then the time for debate with respect to the joint resolution be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provi-

sions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect. **Page S77**

Bill Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the “Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse”, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S78**

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

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January 24, 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–37) **Pages S68–73**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jessica Lynn Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004.

Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve

System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Marietta S. Robinson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2010.

Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2016.

James J. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Deborah S. Delisle, of South Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years. **Pages S78–79**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Scott C. Doney, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

Timothy Charles Scheve, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight

Board for a term expiring September 14, 2015, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

Gineen Maria Bresso, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on March 17, 2011.

Gloria Wilson Shelton, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on June 22, 2011. **Page S79**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S78.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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: 13 public bills, H.R. 3811–3823; and 4 resolutions, H.Res. 523–526 were introduced. **Page H158**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H159–60**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 522, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1173) to repeal the CLASS program (H. Rept. 112–375). **Page H158**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H117**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H127**