Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S81–S137

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2035–2040, and S. Res. 354–355. **Pages S131–32**

Measures Reported:

S. 50, to strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities with respect to commercially marketed seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate with the Federal Trade Commission and other appropriate Federal agencies to strengthen and coordinate those programs and activities. (S. Rept. No. 112–131)

S. 52, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes. (S. Rept. No. 112–132)

Report to accompany S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi. (S. Rept. No. 112–133)

S. 485, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–134)

S. 1665, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–135)

S. 97, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–136)

S. 893, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine. (S. Rept. No. 112–137)

S. 1296, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in the State of Rhode Island. (S. Rept. No. 112–138)

S. 1740, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. (S. Rept. No. 112–139)

S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit. **Page S131**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Special Agent Jared Francom: Senate agreed to S. Res. 355, honoring the memory of Special Agent Jared Francom of the Ogden, Utah Police Department. **Pages S114–15**

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 3800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. **Page S136**

Ultralight Aircraft Smuggling Prevention Act: Senate passed H.R. 3801, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under that Act. **Pages S95, S136**

State or Local Government Levee Construction: Senate passed S. 2039, to allow a State or local government to construct levees on certain properties otherwise designated as open space lands, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S136–37**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1469, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S136–37**

Measures Considered:

Debt Ceiling Increase: Senate began 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.

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

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 2), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S94–95**

Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit.

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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, January 26, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2012. **Page S120**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2012, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Pages S94–95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S137.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES AND GLOBAL ECONOMY OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for the United States and global economy, after receiving testimony from Alan S. Blinder, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Joel Prakken, Macroeconomic Advisers, St. Louis, Missouri; and Ike Brannon, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.

MUTUAL FUND COMMODITY SPECULATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine compliance with tax limits on mutual fund commodity speculation, after receiving testimony from Douglas H. Shulman, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Internal Revenue Service; and Emily S. McMahon, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Kyl, Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Pryor and Boozman, John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who were both introduced by Senator Durbin, and George Levi Russell, III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, January 27

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012 in pro forma session.

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