

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2345–S2454

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2286–2292, S. Res. 419–423, and S. Con. Res. 41. **Pages S2392–93**

Measures Passed:

Gold Star Wives Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, designating April 5, 2012, as “Gold Star Wives Day”. **Pages S2451–52**

Global Youth Service Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, designating April 20 through 22, 2012, as “Global Youth Service Day”. **Pages S2452–53**

Congratulating the University of Kentucky Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, commending and congratulating the University of Kentucky men’s basketball team for winning its eighth Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. **Page S2453**

Congratulating Western Washington University Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, congratulating Western Washington University for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men’s Basketball Championship. **Page S2453**

Measures Considered:

21st Century Postal Service Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, withdrawing the committee-reported substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S2348–70, S2435–51**

Pending:

Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2000), to change the enactment date. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2014 (to Amendment No. 2013), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2015 (to the language proposed to be stricken (by Amendment No. 2000)), to change the enactment date. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2016 (to Amendment No. 2015), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2017, to change the enactment date. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2018 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2017), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2019 (to Amendment No. 2018), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 19, 2012. **Page S2454**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000 (listed above). **Pages S2435–51**

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

Pursuant to the order of April 16, 2012, the motion to proceed to consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on March 27, 2012, was agreed to. **Page S2369**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on March 27, 2012, was agreed to. **Page S2348**

By 74 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 66), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2348–49**

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the second 30 minutes.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—66) **Page S2349**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2454.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies for fiscal year 2013.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the health and status of the Department of Defense science and technology laboratories and enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Zachary J. Lemnios, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, Marilyn Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Mary E. Lacey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, and Steven H. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, all of the Department of Defense.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, including S. 1547, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Robert Patton, Patton Electronics Co., Damascus, Maryland, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Sonya Kostadinova, Transcon Trading Co., Inc., Columbia, South Carolina, on behalf of Small Business Exporters Association; David Ickert, Air Tractor, Inc., Olney, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Brookeville, Maryland.

PROMOTING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine promoting American competitiveness, focusing on filling jobs today and training workers for tomorrow, after receiving testimony from Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Administration; Roger D. Kilmer, Director, Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Jennifer McNelly, Manufacturing Institute, Washington, DC; Robert H. Kill, Enterprise Minnesota, Minneapolis; Monica Pfarr, American Welding Society Foundation, Miami, Florida; Lee Lambert, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, Washington; and Don Nissanka, Exergonix, Inc., Lee’s Summit, Missouri.