

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3669–S3694

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3254–3261, and S. Res. 476. **Page S3688**

Measures Reported:

S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 112–173) **Page S3688**

Measures Passed:

National Foster Care Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 462, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by children in the foster care system, acknowledging the dedication of foster care parents, advocates, and workers, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3689–90**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3220, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims

of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S3669–74**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 88 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 114), Timothy S. Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S3674–77, S3694**

Messages from the House: **Pages S3683–84**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—114) **Pages S3676–77**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3690.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D493)

H.R. 4045, to modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date. Signed on May 25, 2012. (Public Law 112–120)

H.R. 4967, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts. Signed on May 25, 2012. (Public Law 112–121)

H.R. 2072, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Signed on May 30, 2012. (Public Law 112–122)

H.R. 5740, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program. Signed on May 31, 2012. (Public Law 112–123)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine combating poverty, focusing on understanding new challenges for families, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine veterans employment and government contractors, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 5 through June 8, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., The Majority Leader will be recognized. The Majority Leader intends to continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3220, Paycheck Fairness Act. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3220.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: June 6, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine outside witness statements, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 6, to hold hearings to examine implementing Wall Street reform, focusing on enhancing bank supervision and reducing systemic risk, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 6, to hold hearings to examine the European Union Emissions Trading System, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: June 7, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future for a consent-based approach to siting nuclear waste storage and management facilities, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: June 5, to hold hearings to examine combating poverty, focusing on understanding new challenges for families, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 6, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, and Susan Marsh Elliott, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

June 7, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine countering repression and strengthening civil society in Cuba, 10:45 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: June 5, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine veterans employment and government contractors, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 7, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Universal Service Fund Reform,

focusing on ensuring a sustainable and connected future for native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 6, to hold hearings to examine ensuring that Federal prosecutors meet discovery obligations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jesus G. Bernal, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Grande Lum, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

June 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 250, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 285, for the relief of Soporuchi Chukwueke, and the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 5, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 7, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: June 6, to hold hearings to examine pensions, focusing on preventing fraud and protecting America's veterans, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, June 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, markup of Agriculture Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Financial Services, markup of Financial Services Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 11 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

June 7, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, markup of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, June 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Military Resale Programs Overview", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, June 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Long-Term Budget Outlook", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, June 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "EPA Enforcement Priorities and Practices", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Communication and Technology, hearing entitled "The Future of Audio", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Medicare Contractors' Efforts to Fight Fraud—Moving Beyond 'Pay and Chase'", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing "Examining the Appropriateness of Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technologists", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, June 6, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4624, the "Investment Adviser Oversight Act of 2012", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "An Examination of the Federal Reserve's Final Rule on the CARD Act's 'Ability to Repay' Requirement", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 7, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Housing Administration's Multifamily Insurance Programs", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 7, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Investor Protection: The Need to Protect Investors from the Government", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, June 6, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "The U.S. State Department's Inadequate Response to Human Rights Concerns in Bolivia: The Case of American Jacob Ostreicher", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "What's Next for the U.S.-Korea Alliance?", 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Investigating Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Afghanistan", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

June 7, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4405, to impose sanctions on persons responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky, and for other gross violations of human rights in the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 506, calling upon the Government of Turkey to facilitate the reopening of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Theological School of Halki without condition or further delay, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, June 6, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4251, the "SMART Port Security Act", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

June 6, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing "The National Preparedness Report: Assessing the State of Preparedness", 12 p.m., 311 Cannon.

June 7, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "TSA's Efforts to Fix Its Poor Customer Service Reputation and Become a Leaner, Smarter Agency", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 6, Full Committee markup of the following measures: H.R. 4377, the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2012”; H.R. 4018, the “Public Safety Officers’ Benefits Improvements Act of 2012”; H.R. 3668, the “Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act of 2011”; H.R. 4223, the “Safe Doses Act”; H.R. 4369, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”; and legislation regarding the “Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2012”, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Justice”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, June 6, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the “Accelerated Revenue and Repayment Act”; and S. 997, the “East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 8, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Federal Communications Commission’s rule on the Universal Service Fund and its impact on American Indians and Alaska Natives”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 8, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3641 “Pinnacles National Park Act”; H.R. 3894, the “Pullman Historic Site National Park Service Study Act”; H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5544, the “Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act”; and H.R. 5791, the “Emergency Water Supply Restoration Act”, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, June 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Addressing Concerns About the Integrity of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Jobs Reporting”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 7, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Assessing Medicare and Medicaid Program Integrity”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, June 6, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 436, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011”; and H.R. 5882, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, June 6, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled

“An Examination of FAA’s Launch Indemnification Program”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “EPA’s Impact on Jobs and Energy Affordability: Understanding the Real Costs and Benefits of Environmental Regulations”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, June 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “SBA’s Management of Its Capital Access Programs”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

June 7, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Scheduling Success? Issues and Opportunities for Small Businesses on the GSA Schedules”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, June 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Through the Looking Glass: Return to PPV”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

June 6, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2355, the “Hallowed Grounds Act”; H.R. 2996, the “Gulf War Syndrome ‘Presumptive Illness’ Extension Act of 2011”; H.R. 4299, the “Quality Housing for Veterans Act”; H.R. 5735, to provide for the establishment of a Tomb of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery for interment of cremated fragments of the remains of members of the Armed Forces killed in Afghanistan, Iraq, or a subsequent conflict when the fragments are unidentifiable by use of DNA testing or other means because of the condition of the fragments, are unclaimed, or are identified and authorized by the person designated to direct disposition of the remains for interment in such memorial; H.R. 5880, the “Veterans Disability Examination Access Improvement Act”; H.R. 5881, the “Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”; and H.R. 2720, to clarify the role of the Department of Veterans Affairs in providing a benefit or service related to the interment or funeral of a veteran, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 8, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Framework for Evaluating Certain Expiring Tax Provisions”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, June 7, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: June 7, to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through May 31, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	67	69	..
Time in session	412 hrs., 39'	349 hrs., 43'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	3,667	3,364	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	943	..
Public bills enacted into law	4	29	33
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	154	154	308
Senate bills	19	4	..
House bills	39	95	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	5	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	7	9	..
Simple resolutions	84	41	..
Measures reported, total	104	145	249
Senate bills	73	8	..
House bills	19	108	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	12	28	..
Special reports	3	3	..
Conference reports .....	..	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	292	56	..
Measures introduced, total	1,365	2,325	3,690
Bills	1,222	2,116	..
Joint resolutions	8	12	..
Concurrent resolutions	11	33	..
Simple resolutions	124	164	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	113	112	..
Recorded votes .....	..	192	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 Through May 31, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 320 (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		143
Unconfirmed		157
Withdrawn		10
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,126 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		820
Unconfirmed		303
Withdrawn		3
Air Force nominations, totaling 4,453 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,004
Unconfirmed		2,448
Withdrawn		1
Army nominations, totaling 3,546 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		3,534
Unconfirmed		12
Navy nominations, totaling 863 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		168
Unconfirmed		695
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,310, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		496
Unconfirmed		814

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	667
Total nominations received this Session	10,951
Total confirmed	7,165
Total unconfirmed	4,439
Total withdrawn	14
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 70 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 150 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, June 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. The Majority Leader intends to continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3220, Paycheck Fairness Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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