

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3262–3265, S.J. Res. 42, S. Res. 477–481, and S. Con. Res. 45.

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Measures Passed:

Former Charleston Naval Base Land Exchange Act: Senate passed S. 2061, to provide for an exchange of land between the Department of Homeland Security and the South Carolina State Ports Authority, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Noor and Ramsay Bower: Senate agreed to S. Res. 477, calling for the safe and immediate return of Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States.

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200th Anniversary of Hamilton College: Senate agreed to S. Res. 478, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the chartering of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

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Strategic Air Command Memorial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 479, commemorating the dedication of the Strategic Air Command Memorial during the 20th anniversary of its stand down.

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20th Anniversary of United States Strategic Command: Senate agreed to S. Res. 480, commemorating the 20th anniversary of United States Strategic Command.

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60th Anniversary of the United States-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty: Senate agreed to S. Res. 481, celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United States-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty and the vitality of the overall bilateral relationship.

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Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Montford Point Marines.

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Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act: Senate continued 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.

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 115), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn.

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Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 7, 2012.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—115)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3738.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING POVERTY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating poverty, focusing on understanding new challenges for families, after receiving testimony from Kay Brown, Director, Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution Center on Children and Families, Washington, D.C.; and Laura Lein, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine veterans employment and government contractors, after receiving testimony from Theodore L. Daywalt, VetJobs, Marietta, Georgia; Spencer Kympton, The Mission Continues, St. Louis, Missouri; Ramsey Sulayman, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; Pamela Hardy, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia; and Sally Sullivan, ManTech International Corporation, Fairfax, Virginia.

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

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5889–5898; 1 private bill, H.R. 5899; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 110; and H. Res. 674–678, were introduced. **Page H3480**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3481–82**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 436, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–514);

H.R. 1004, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–515);

H.R. 5842, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–516); and

H.R. 5858, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve health savings accounts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–517). **Pages H3479–80**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3407**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3408**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 5325, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, which began on Thursday, May 31st. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 5325 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 667, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except those appearing in a list submitted to the desk.

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Agreed to:

Welch amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of May 31, 2012) that makes such sums available to the Secretary of Energy as may be necessary to comply with the Department's energy management requirements under section 543(f)(7) of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act;

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Kaptur amendment that prohibits funds from being used to plan for the termination of periodic nourishment for any water resource development