

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3293–3303, S.J. Res. 44, and S. Res. 493–494. **Page S4203**

Measures Reported:

S. 3295, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–176)

S. 3301, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–177)

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Visitor Center: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 128, 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:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund.

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Groshen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the action of reporting the nomination of Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, was vitiated.

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Lewis Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 18, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back

of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S4218**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

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

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on December 12, 2011, was agreed to.

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By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 121), 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 nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael David Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Mark D. Gearan, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 1, 2015.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—121) **Page S4176**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4218.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 3295) making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013; and

An original bill (S. 3301) making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

CLEAN ENERGY IN UNITED STATES AND CHINA

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competitiveness and collaboration between the United States and China on clean energy, after receiving testimony from Justin Wu, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Hong Kong, People's Republic of China; Alan Wm. Wolff, McKenna Long and Aldridge, Clyde Prestowitz, Economic Strategy Institute, and Derek Scissors, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dan W. Holladay, SEMATECH, Albany, New York.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare physician payment policy, focusing on lessons from the private sector, after receiving testimony from Dana Gelb Safran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Boston; Peter Edwards, Humana Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Lonny Reisman, Aetna Inc., Hartford, Connecticut; Chester Burrell, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Washington, D.C.; and Darryl Cardoza, Hill Physicians Medical Group, San Francisco, California.

LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103–39), focusing on perspectives from the United States military, after receiving testimony from Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, General Wil-

liam M. Fraser III, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA, Commander, United States Northern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103–39), after receiving testimony from Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense, The Rumsfeld Foundation, John B. Bellinger III, Arnold and Porter LLP, Steven Groves, The Heritage Foundation, and John Negroponte, former Deputy Secretary of State, all of Washington, D.C.

MEDICAID WASTE AND FRAUD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine saving taxpayer dollars by curbing waste and fraud in Medicaid, after receiving testimony from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Ann Maxwell, Regional Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Douglas Wilson, Texas Health and Human Services Commission Inspector General, San Antonio; and Douglas Porter, Washington State Health Care Authority Director, Seattle.

TAXES ON TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine new taxes on tribal self-determination, after receiving testimony from Aaron Klein, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Economic Policy, and Christie J. Jacobs, Director, Office of Indian Tribal Governments, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Athena Sanchey Yallup, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Toppenish, Washington; Lynn Malerba, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; and William Lomax, Native American Finance Officers Association, Washington, D.C.