

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4253–S4311

Measures Introduced: Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3310–3314, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Res. 496–499. **Page S4299**

Measures Passed:

Intelligence or Intelligence-Related Activity Funds: Senate passed S. 3314, to specifically authorize certain funds for an intelligence or intelligence-related activity. **Pages S4307–08**

Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 496, observing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day. **Pages S4308–10**

Congratulating the Los Angeles Kings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 497, congratulating the Los Angeles Kings on winning the 2012 Stanley Cup Championship. **Page S4309**

American Eagle Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 498, designating June 20, 2012, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Pages S4309–10**

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering 10th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 499, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. **Page S4310**

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. **Pages S4253–66**

Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4266–83**

Adopted:

Reid (for Stabenow/Roberts) Amendment No. 2389, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4266**

Akaka Amendment No. 2440, to improve a provision relating to loans to purchasers of highly fractionated land. **Page S4266**

Akaka Amendment No. 2396, to establish the Office of Tribal Relations in the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S4266–67**

Baucus/Tester Amendment No. 2429, to improve the livestock forage disaster program. **Pages S4267–68**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 124), Snowe/Gillibrand Modified Amendment No. 2190, to require Federal milk marketing order reform. **Page S4268**

By 75 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 125), Grassley Amendment No. 2167, to provide payment limitations for marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments. **Pages S4269–70**

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 126), Brown (OH) Amendment No. 2445, to strengthen rural communities and foster the next generation of farmers and ranchers. **Page S4270**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 128), Cantwell Amendment No. 2370, to encourage the purchase of pulse crop products for school meals programs. **Pages S4271–72**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2243, to ensure that performance bonus payments are used by State agencies only to carry out the supplemental nutrition assistance program. **Page S4272**

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 130), Casey Amendment No. 2238, to require more frequent dairy reporting. **Page S4273**

Coons/Chambliss Amendment No. 2426, to provide for studies on the feasibility of establishing a business disruption insurance policy for poultry producers and a catastrophic event insurance policy for poultry producers. **Page S4274**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2422, to modify a provision relating to conservation innovation grants and payments. **Page S4274**

Kerry (for McCain) Amendment No. 2199, to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish. **Page S4275**

By 76 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 133), Feinstein/Chambliss Amendment No. 2309, to require a study into the feasibility of an insurance product that covers food safety recalls. **Page S4376**

Hagan Amendment No. 2366, to require the Risk Management Agency and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to use plain language and a website to make crop insurance more accessible. **Page S4279**

DeMint Amendment No. 2262, to express the sense of the Senate that nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act should manipulate prices or interfere with the free market. **Pages S4279–80**

Kerry Amendment No. 2187, to extend eligibility for certain emergency loans to commercial fishermen. **Page S4280**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2321, to move a section from the rural development title to the credit title. **Page S4281**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 123), Ayotte/Coburn Amendment No. 2192, to improve the program of value-added agricultural producer grants. **Page S4267**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 127), Sessions Amendment No. 2174, to limit categorical eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program to those who receive cash assistance. **Pages S4270–71**

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 129), Sessions Amendment No. 2172, to end the State bonus payments for administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program. **Pages S4272–73**

By 15 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 131), Paul Amendment No. 2181, to establish an average adjusted gross income limitation of \$250,000 for all payments and benefits under the Farm Bill. **Pages S4273–74**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 132), Alexander Amendment No. 2191, to provide that any cooperative organization or other entity that receives a business and industry direct or guaranteed loan for a wind energy project is ineligible for any other Federal benefit, assistance, or incentive for the project. **Pages S4274–75**

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 134), Toomey Amendment No. 2217, to eliminate the organic certification cost share assistance program. **Page S4276–77**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 135), Gillibrand Modified Amendment No. 2156, to strike a reduction in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and increase funding for the fresh fruit and vegetable program, with an offset that limits crop insurance reimbursements to providers. **Pages S4277–78**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 136), DeMint Amendment No. 2263, to maintain funding at current levels for programs providing access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas. **Pages S4278–79**

By 14 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 137), DeMint Amendment No. 2268, to prohibit the Secretary from making loan guarantees. **Pages S4280–81**

By 20 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 138), DeMint Amendment No. 2276, to prohibit mandatory or compulsory check off programs. **Pages S4281–82**

Withdrawn:

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2391, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4266**

Reid Amendment No. 2390 (to Amendment No. 2389), to change the enactment date. **Page S4266**

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

Reid Amendment No. 2406 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2391), to eliminate certain working lands conservation programs fell, when Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2391, was withdrawn. **Page S4266**

Reid Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2406), to convert all mandatory spending to discretionary spending subject to annual appropriations fell, when Reid Amendment No. 2406 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2391) fell. **Page S4266**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Bennet/Crapo Amendment No. 2202, which has been cleared by both sides, be in order. **Page S4283**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res, 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units, is not agreed to, Senate continue consideration of the bill and the votes on or in relation to the amendments remaining in the order. **Page S4311**

Boiler MACT/EPA—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, the Republican Leader be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Republicans controlling

the first 15 minutes, and the Majority controlling the second 15 minutes; and that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution; that if the motion to proceed is agreed to, all other provisions of the previous order with respects to the joint resolution remain in effect, and that if the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution is not agreed to, Senate continue consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and the votes on or in relation to the amendments remaining in order.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, which was sent to the Senate on March 27, 2012.

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Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—138) **Pages S4267–79, S4281–82**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4310.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential for induced seismicity from energy technologies, including carbon capture and storage, enhance geothermal systems, production from gas shales, and enhanced oil recovery, after receiving testimony from William Leith, Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Murray W. Hitzman, Colorado

School of Mines Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Golden; Susan Petty, AltaRock Energy, Inc., Seattle, Washington; and Mark D. Zoback, Stanford University Department of Geophysics, Stanford, California.

EPA AIR STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine a review of recent Environmental Protection Agency's air standards for hydraulically fractured natural gas wells and oil and natural gas storage, after receiving testimony from Regina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; John V. Corra, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; William C. Allison, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment Air Pollution Control Division Director, and Tisha Schuller, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, both of Denver; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; and Darren Smith, Devon Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FISCAL CRISIS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting the looming fiscal crisis, after receiving testimony from former Senator Pete V. Domenici, and Alice Rivlin, both a Co-Chair, Bipartisan Policy Center Debt Reduction Task Force, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 641, to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis within six years by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005;

S. 2165, to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4240, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004;

S. Res. 402, condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for committing crimes against humanity and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government and governments in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield, with amendments;

S. Res. 429, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day;