

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6715–S6764*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3626, and S. Res. 590–591. **Page S6744**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, November 2, 2012:

S. 1998, to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–230)

Reported on Tuesday, November 13, 2012:

S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–231)

S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–232)

S. 3310, to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–233)

S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards. (S. Rept. No. 112–234)

S. 1268, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by providing for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational

service by employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–235)

S. 1953, to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development. (S. Rept. No. 112–236)

S. 1701, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–237)

S. 1950, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–238)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4114, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed.

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**Recognizing Raymond Weeks:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 591, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Raymond Weeks and his efforts in the establishment of Veterans Day.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Sportsmen's Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 3525, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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**Pending:**

Reid (for Tester) Amendment No. 2875, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), to change the enactment date. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to Amendment No. 2876), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2875), to change the enactment date. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2879 (to Amendment No. 2878), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6727**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2880, to change the enactment date. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6727**

Reid Amendment No. 2882 (to Amendment No. 2881), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6727–28**

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 on Thursday, November 15, 2012. **Pages S6728, S6761**

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

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S6721–27**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. **Page S6761**

**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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. **Pages S6728–29**

**House Messages:**

**Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures

of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. **Page S6761**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S6761–64**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S6736, S6737**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S6761**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—201) **Page S6727**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6761.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ATTACKS IN BENGHAZI

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee received a closed briefing on attacks in Benghazi from national security briefers.