Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Designate Brian Schatz, of Hawaii, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8383–S8454

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3710–3711. **Page S8452**

Measures Reported:

S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–264)

S. 1763, to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–265)

S. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Boochever United States Courthouse.

S. 2326, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the ''Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse''. **Page S8451**

Measures Passed:

Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the ''Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S8454**

Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3892, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the ''Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S8454**

Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the ''Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building''. **Page S8454**

Cecil E. Bolt Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the ''Cecil E. Bolt Post Office''. **Page S8454**

Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the ''Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office''. **Page S8454**

Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the ''Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office''. **Page S8454**

Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 Simi Village Drive in Simi Valley, California, as the ''Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building''. **Page S8454**

Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 3667, to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8454**

Measures Considered:

FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 5949, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8384–S8410, S8411–25, S8427–28**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 232), Leahy Amendment No. 3437, in the nature of a substitute. (Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 21,

2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

Pages S8407–10, S8427

By 37 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 233), Merkley/Lee Amendment No. 3435, to require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States. (Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 21, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S8397–S8407, S8427–28**

By 12 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 234), Paul/Lee Amendment No. 3436, to ensure adequate protection of the rights under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. (Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 21, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S8407, S8428**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Friday, December 28, 2012, there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided, on the Wyden amendment, prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment; that there be no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and that upon disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; provided further, that there be a 60 affirmative vote threshold for the amendment, and for passage of the bill. **Pages S8417–18**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:00 a.m., on Friday, December 28, 2012. **Page S8454**

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8425–27, S8429–45**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3395, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8425**

Coats/Alexander Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3395), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8425–27**

Cardin/Landrieu Amendment No. 3393 (to Amendment No. 3395), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8429**

Tester Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3395), to provide additional funds for wildland fire management. **Pages S8429–30**

Landrieu Amendment No. 3415 (to Amendment No. 3395), to clarify the provision relating to emergency protective measures. **Pages S8430–31**

Coburn Amendment No. 3369 (to Amendment No. 3395), to reduce the amount that triggers the requirement to notify Congress of the recipients of certain grants and to require publication of the notice. **Page S8431**

Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 3371 (to Amendment No. 3395), to ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters. **Page S8431**

Coburn Amendment No. 3382 (to Amendment No. 3395), to require merit-based and competitive awards of disaster recovery contracts. **Pages S8431–32, S8441**

Coburn Amendment No. 3383 (to Amendment No. 3395), to strike a provision relating to certain studies of the Corps of Engineers. **Pages S8432, S8441–42**

Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3395), to clarify cost-sharing requirements for certain Corps of Engineers activities. **Pages S8432–33**

Division I of Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 3370 (to Amendment No. 3395), to ensure funding for victims of Hurricane Sandy is not spent on tax cheats, deceased individuals, or fisheries outside of the affected area. **Pages S8433–34**

Division II of Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 3370 (to Amendment No. 3395), to ensure funding for victims of Hurricane Sandy is not spent on tax cheats, deceased individuals, or fisheries outside of the affected area. **Pages S8434, S8442**

Merkley Further Modified Amendment No. 3367 (to Amendment No. 3395), to extend certain supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs. **Page S8434**

Mikulski (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3403 (to Amendment No. 3395), to provide authority to transfer previously appropriated funds to increase security at United States embassies and other overseas posts. **Page S8442**

Mikulski (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3426 (to Amendment No. 3395), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S8442–45**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Friday, December 28, 2012, when the Senate continues consideration of the bill, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments to the bill under the order of Friday, December 21, 2012; that all remaining time under the previous order with respect to the amendments be yielded back; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote with the exception of the following: 4 minutes equally divided prior to each of the votes on or in relation to the Coburn amendments and divisions; 10 minutes equally divided prior to the votes on or in relation to each of the Paul amendments; 8 minutes equally divided prior to the vote on or in relation to McCain Amendment No. 3355; and 10 minutes equally divided prior to the vote on or in relation to the Lee amendment; and that all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect. **Page S8445**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill upon disposition of H.R. 5949, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years. **Page S8454**

Swearing-In of Senator Schatz: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Brian Schatz, of the State of Hawaii, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S8411**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S8452**

Additional Statements: **Page S8451**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8452–54**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—234) **Pages S8427–28**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8454.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6706–6715 were introduced. **Pages H7435–36**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7436**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business, 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–729);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–730);

H.R. 3893, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to subcontracting and insourcing, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–731, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 4203, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the procurement program for women-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–732). **Page H7435**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7433**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 31st. **Page H7434**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7434.

Senate Referral: S. 3709 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H7434**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, December 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5949, FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act, with votes on or in relation to the Wyden amendment, and passage of the bill.

Following disposition of H.R. 5949, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, with a series of votes on amendments and on passage of the bill.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Sunday, December 30

House Chamber

Program for Sunday: To be announced.

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