

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8521–S8556*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3714–3715. **Page S8548**

**Measures Passed:**

**SAFER Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3250, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8551–52**

Durbin (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3445, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8552**

**Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act:** Senate passed S. 3715, to extend the limited anti-trust exemption contained in the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act. **Page S8552**

**Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of non-project water at the Norman project in Oklahoma. **Page S8552**

**Pinnacles National Park Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S8552**

**Pike National Forest Railroad Right of Way:** Senate passed H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875. **Pages S8552–53**

**Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act:** Senate passed S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S8553**

**Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 2015, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, and the bill was then passed.

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**Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 3563, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, and the bill was then passed.

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**Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Act:** Senate passed S. 1047, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado.

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**Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation:** Senate passed S. 1421, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs.

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**Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act:** Senate passed S. 1478, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

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**Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act:** Senate passed S. 499, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

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**Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act:** Senate passed S. 140, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan.

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**San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act:** Senate passed S. 114, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3446, in the nature of a substitute.

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Durbin (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3447, to amend the title.

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**White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Expansion Act:** Senate passed S. 970, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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**Tributes to Daniel Inouye—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that tributes to Daniel Inouye, a late Senator from Hawaii, be printed as a Senate document, and that Members have until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, to submit said tributes.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 249), William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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By 69 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 250), Carol J. Galante, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be confirmed.)

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**Messages from the House:** Pages S8547–48

**Measures Read the First Time:** Page S8556

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** Pages S8548–49

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S8549–51

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—250) Pages S8528–29

**Recess:** Senate convened at 1 p.m. and recessed at 7:26 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8556.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 6716–6719 were introduced. Page H7469

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H7469

**Report Filed:** A report was filed on December 28, 2012 as follows:

Semi-annual Report on the Activity of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–733).

A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 843, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 112–734). Page H7469

**Notification of Reassembly:** Read the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Thursday, December 27, 2012 of the reassembling of the House. Page H7437

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Page H7439

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4057, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 650; Pages H7439–42, H7465–66

**Dignified Burial of Veterans Act of 2012:** S. 3202, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 651; and Pages H7442–46, H7466–67

**Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2012:** H.R. 3159, amended, 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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 649. **Pages H7458–61, H7464–65**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development assistance, and for other purposes.”. **Page H7465**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Clotbe a Homeless Hero Act:*** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6328, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations; **Pages H7446–48**

***Drywall Safety Act of 2012:*** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4212, to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, and to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused; **Pages H7448–50**

***Uninterrupted Scholars Act:*** S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act; **Pages H7450–53**

***Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act of 2012:*** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6029, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage; **Pages H7453–55**

***Correcting and improving certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and title 35, United States Code:*** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6621, to correct and improve certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and title 35, United States Code; **Pages H7455–57**

***Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012:*** S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards; **Pages H7457–58**

***Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act of 2012:*** 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; and **Pages H7461–62**

***Granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance***

***Memorandum of Understanding:*** S.J. Res. 44, to grant the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. **Pages H7462–64**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. for morning hour debate and 10 a.m. for legislative business. **Page H7467**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m. **Page H7467**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Tim Scott, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of South Carolina, effective January 2, 2013. **Page H7467**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7439.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3667 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and S. 3454 was held at the desk. **Page H7467**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7465, H7465–66, H7466–67. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

## Committee Meeting

### SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 843, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported on December 31, 2012.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Monday, December 31

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Monday, December 31

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) S. 3454—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; 2) H.R. 6612—To redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range; 3) Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 443—To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to

the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; 4) Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2076—Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act; 5) H.R. 6019—Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2012, as amended; 6) S. 3666—A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to modify the definition of “exhibitor”; 7) Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 6364—Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act; 8) H.R. 6649—Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2012; 9) H. Con. Res. 145—Calling for universal condemnation of the North Korean missile launch of December 12, 2012; 10) H. Res. 134—Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; 11) H. Res. 834—Urging the governments of Europe and the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization and impose sanctions, and urging the President to provide information about Hizballah to the European allies of the United States and to support the Government of Bulgaria in investigating the July 18, 2012, terrorist attack in Burgas; and 12) H. Res. 193—Calling on the new Government of Egypt to honor the rule of law and immediately return Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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