Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1095–S1136

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 446–467, S.J. Res. 10, S. Res. 67, and S. Con. Res. 5. **Pages S1126–27**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Committee Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1103–04**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 29), Paul Amendment No. 25, to strike supplemental staff funding available only to a limited number of Senators in a time of sequestration. **Page S1104**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, appointed the following individual to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Roberta Johnson of Iowa vice Norm Bedford of Nevada. **Page S1135**

Halligan Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S1104–21**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, with the time until 10:30 a.m., equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S1135**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

56 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S1121–22, S1135–36**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—29) **Page S1104**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1135.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and Admiral William H. McRaven, USN, Commander, Untied States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

TAX CODE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reducing the deficit by eliminating wasteful spending in the tax code, after receiving testimony from Edward D. Kleinbard, University of

Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles; and Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Russ Roberts, Stanford University Hoover Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), after receiving testimony from John E. Hamilton, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, St Augustine, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 943–976; 1 private bill, H.R. 977; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21; and H.Res. 97–98, 100–102 were introduced. **Pages H980–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H983–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Billions of Federal Tax Dollars Misspent on New York's Medicaid Program (H. Rept. 113–11) and

H. Res. 99, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–12). **Page H980**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative DeSantis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H953**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H954**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Walz. **Page H958**

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

Amending section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit: H.R. 668, to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 28 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 57 and **Pages H958–65, H967**

Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2013: H.R. 338, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 58. **Pages H965–66, H967–68**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H966**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:36 p.m. **Page H979**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 6th. **Page H979**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H967 and H967–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "To Review the State of the Rural Economy". Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Department of the Treasury Oversight. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from Bill Brinkman, Acting Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Architect of the Capitol FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS—OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Open World Leadership Center FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Public Health and Research Organization Oversight. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Health; Tom Frieden, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Patrick Conway, M.D., Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Representing Medicare and Medicaid Innovation; and Mary Wakefield, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science held a hearing on Oversight of the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—FORCE STRUCTURE ISSUES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Force Structure Issues and the Impact on Military Construction. Testimony was heard from General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND AND U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the posture of the U.S. Strategic Command and the U.S. Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

CHALLENGES FACING MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing entitled "Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans: Reviewing the Latest Findings by PBGC and GAO". Testimony was heard from Joshua Gotbaum, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and Charles Jeszeck, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "American Energy Security and Innovation: The Role of a Diverse Electricity Generation Portfolio". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEAR-ZERO RATE, NEAR-ZERO EFFECT—UNCONVENTIONAL MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Near-Zero Rate, Near-Zero Effect? Is 'Unconventional' Monetary Policy Really Working?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NORTH KOREA'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES: FINANCING THE REGIME

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "North Korea's Criminal Activities: Financing the Regime". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 113TH CONGRESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee began a hearing on Committee Funding for the 113th Congress. The Committee will continue the hearing tomorrow.

ENHANCING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH SKILLED IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled ''Enhancing American Competitiveness through Skilled Immigration''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 367, the ''REINS Act: Promoting Jobs, Growth and American Competitiveness''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXCESSIVE LITIGATION'S IMPACT ON AMERICA'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled ''Excessive Litigation's Impact on America's Global Competitiveness''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 254, the ''Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act''; and H.R. 678, the ''Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act''. Testimony was heard from Lowell Pimley, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S OFFSHORE ENERGY RESOURCES: CREATING JOBS, SECURING AMERICA, AND LOWERING PRICES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled ''America's Offshore Energy Resources: Creating Jobs, Securing America, and Lowering Prices''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCING WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT: IMPLEMENTING AGENCY WATCHDOGS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Reducing Waste and Mismanagement: Implementing Agency Watchdogs' Recommendations Could Save Taxpayers Billions''. Testimony was heard from Anthony W. Miller, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Calvin L. Scovell III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR FUNDING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 933, Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Funding Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H.R. 933. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers (KY), Representatives Lowey, Van Hollen, Huelskamp, and Bridenstine.

SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing entitled ''Scientific Integrity and Transparency''. Testimony was heard from Stanley Young, Assistant Director for Bioinformatics, National Institutes of Statistical Sciences; and public witnesses.

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RAIL IN AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled ''Freight and Passenger Rail in America's Transportation System''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held an organizational meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to its organizational plan for the 113th Congress.

TAX-RELATED PROVISIONS IN THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE LAW

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled ''Tax-Related Provisions in the President's Health Care Law''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held an organizational meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to its organizational plan for the 113th Congress.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on a progress report on management, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Paralyzed Veterans of American, Vietnam Veterans of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Fleet Reserve Association, Gold Star Wives, Air Force Sergeants Association, and AMVETS, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission FY 2014 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on addressing Social Security Administration's Management Challenges in a Fiscally Constrained Environment, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Science Foundation, 11 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee Armed on Services: Full Committee, hearing on posture of the U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and U.S. Transportation Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military suicide prevention, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the U.S. Nuclear Deterrent: What Are the Requirements for A Strong Deterrent in an Era of Defense Sequester?, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 803, the ''Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled ''Our Nation of Builders: Powering U.S. Automobile Manufacturing Forward'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Saving Seniors and Our Most Vulnerable Citizens from an Entitlement Crisis'', 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled ''Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac: How Government Housing Policy Failed Homeowners and Taxpayers and Led to the Financial Crisis'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, hearing entitled ''DHS Cybersecurity: Roles and Responsibilities to Protect the Nation's Critical Infrastructure'', 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee, hearing on Committee Funding for the 113th Congress, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Threats from Space: Meteors and Comets, Part I'', 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on the Environment, hearing entitled ''Policy-Relevant Climate Issues in Context'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing entitled ''FBI Headquarters Consolidation'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Waiting for Care: Examining Patient Wait Times at VA'', 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 890, ''Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013'', 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 6

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 933—Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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