Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1671–S1716

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 523–541, and S. Res. 75. **Pages S1709–10**

Measures Reported:

S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1709**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full–Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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. **Pages S1683–S1703**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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, March 14, 2013. **Page S1703**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. **Page S1716**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group for the 113th Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 113th Congress: Mitch McConnell of Kentucky (serving in his capacity as Republican Leader), Marco Rubio of Florida (Republican Co-Chairman and designated as Administrative Co-Chairman), Thad Cochran of Mississippi (Republican Co-Chairman), Lindsey Graham of South Carolina (Republican Co-Chairman), Bob Corker of Tennessee, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, John McCain of Arizona, James Risch of Idaho, Roy Blunt of Missouri, James Inhofe of Oklahoma. **Pages S1715–16**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–5) **Pages S1708–09**

Executive Communications: **Page S1709**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1716.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Strategic Command and

U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General C. R. Kehler, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Keith B. Alexander, Commander, United States Cyber Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, who was introduced by Senator Brown, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, and Robert M. McDowell, Mignon L. Clyburn, Jessica Rosenworcel, and Ajit Pai, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

JOB CORPS BUDGET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine Job Corps budget shortfall, focusing on safeguarding workforce training for America's disconnected youth, after receiving testimony from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, and Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Labor; and Antoine L. Dixon, National Director, Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current and projected national security threats to the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; Robert Mueller, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; John Brennan, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Phillip Goldberg, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Mathew Olsen, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1062–1103; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 34; and H. Res. 106, 108–111, were introduced. **Pages H1355–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1359–60**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 803, to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–14, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 107, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 890) to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–15). **Page H1355**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Walorski to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1333**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1335**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. **Page H1337**

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

Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act: H.R. 749, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement and **Pages H1337–39**

Requiring a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options: H.R. 1035, to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 63. **Pages H1339–41, H1341–42**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H1341**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Iran is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–15). **Page H1337**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1337.

Senate Referral: S. 166 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1354**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1341–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Securities Exchange Commission Oversight. Testimony was heard from Carl W. Hoecker, Inspector General, Securities Exchange Commission.

PRESERVING WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR WELFARE ACT OF 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held hearing on H.R. 890, the ''Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Act of 2013''. The Committee, granted by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H.R. 890. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 113–3 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 Camp and Representative Levin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine sexual assaults in the military, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014, 2 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the ''OPEN Government Act'', 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs (VA) claims process, focusing on a review of Veterans' Affairs transformation efforts, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors, 2 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on National Forest Management and its Impacts on Rural Economies and Communities, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on Water Infrastructure Financing Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing USDA Food and Nutrition Service Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies, hearing for Public and Outside Witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations, Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Oversight, 11 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Syria Oversight, 12 p.m., H–140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Implementation, 2:45 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on oversight of the American Battle Monuments Commission; U.S. Court of Appeal for Veterans Claims; Armed Forces Retirement Home; and Army National Cemeteries Program, 2:45 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Impact of the Continuing Resolution, Sequestration, and Declining Operations and Maintenance Budgets on Military Personnel and Family Related Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled Information Technology and Cyber Operations, Modernization and Policy Issues to Support the Future Force, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Keeping College Within Reach: Examining Opportunities to Strengthen Federal Student Loan Programs'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''DOE Management and Oversight of Its Nuclear Weapons Complex: Lessons of the Y–12 Security Failure'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Obamacare's Impact on Jobs'', 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled ''Mortgage Insurance: Comparing Private Sector and Government-Subsidized Approaches'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled ''The Rebalance to Asia: Why South Asia Matters'' (Part II), 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled ''Examination of Litigation Abuses'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Investigating and Prosecuting 21st Century Cyber Threats'', 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled ''Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013'', 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Addressing Transparency in the Federal Bureaucracy: Moving Toward A More Open Government'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 803, the ''Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research, hearing entitled ''STEM Education: Industry and Philanthropic Initiatives'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled ''Federal Financial Support for Energy Technologies: Assessing Costs and Benefits'', 3 p.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 Health, hearing entitled ''Meeting Patient Care Needs: Measuring the Value of VA Physician Staffing Standards'', 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Gulf War: What Kind of Care are Veterans Receiving 20 Years Later?'', 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled ''U.S.-India Trade Relations: Opportunities and Challenges'', 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 933, Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 13

House Chamber

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