

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills)
for the Second Session of the 112th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1717–S1826

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 542–559, S.J. Res. 11, S. Res. 76, and S. Con. Res. 7.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013”. (S. Rept. No. 113–3)

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Measures Passed:

Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room: Senate agreed to S. Res. 76, designating room S–126 of the United States Capitol as the “Senator Daniel K. Inouye Room” in recognition of his service to the Senate and the people of the United States.

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Measures Considered:

Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McCain Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 26), to strike certain authorities relating to the use for grants of funds of the Office of Economic Assistance of the Department of Defense. (By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 35), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 34), Cruz Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 26), to

prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S1724–41**

Pending:

Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1719**

Harkin/Cardin Amendment No. 53 (to Amendment No. 26), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1741–68**

Inhofe Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 26), to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds to enforce the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule of the Environmental Protection Agency against farmers. **Pages S1773–82**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 15, 2013. **Page S1782**

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 upon disposition of Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26. **Page S1782**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S1720**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2013; that there be up to one hour of debate, equally divided in the usual form on Harkin/Cardin Amendment No. 53 (to Amendment No. 26) (listed above); that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Harkin/Cardin Amendment No. 53 (to Amendment No. 26); that there be no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and the amendment be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold. **Page S1782**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy, Trade Agreements, and Negotiations: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senator Baucus, Senator Rockefeller, Senator Wyden, Senator Hatch, Senator Grassley. **Page S1826**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James J. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Deborah Kay Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Libya.

James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2015.

Olga Viso, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018. **Page S1826**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Elissa F. Cadish, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2013. **Page S1826**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—35) **Pages S1741, S1773**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

March 14, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1826.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine sexual assaults in the military, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Robert S. Taylor, Acting General Counsel, Lieutenant General Dana K. Chipman, JAGC, USA, Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi, JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, JAGC, USAF, Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force, Major General Vaughn A. Ary, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Major General Gary S. Patton, USA, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, all of the Department of Defense; Rear Admiral Frederick J. Kenney, Jr., USCG, Judge Advocate General of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Anu Bhagwati, Service Women's Action Network, and Rebekah Havrilla, former Sergeant, United States Army, both of New York, New York; former Specialist BriGette McCoy, United States Army, Atlanta, Georgia; and Brian K. Lewis, former Petty Officer Third Class, United States Navy, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of Protect Our Defenders.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee began consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

STRATEGIC COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges, after receiving testimony from Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

COSTS AND IMPACTS OF CRISIS BUDGETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting, after receiving