

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4351–S4434

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1142–1155, and S. Res. 168–169. **Pages S4405–06**

Measures Passed:

National Aphasia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, designating June 2013 as “National Aphasia Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia. **Page S4432**

National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 169, designating the month of June 2013 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month”. **Page S4432**

Measures Considered:

Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4359–S4400**

Pending:

Leahy/Hatch Amendment No. 1183, to encourage and facilitate international participation in the performing arts. **Page S4359**

Grassley/Blunt Amendment No. 1195, to prohibit the granting of registered provisional immigrant status until the Secretary has maintained effective control of the borders for 6 months. **Page S4359**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013. **Page S4432**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act Papers Returned—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014;

that the papers with respect to the bill be returned to the House of Representatives, as requested by the House; that when the bill is received back in the Senate, it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with no intervening action or debate. **Page S4432**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S4434**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VOLUNTARY MILITARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine voluntary military education programs, after receiving testimony from Frederick Vollrath, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management; and Terry W.

Hartle, American Council on Education, Steve Gundersen, Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, James Selbe, University of Maryland University College, and Christopher Neiweem, all of Washington, D.C.

CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded an open hearing and closed briefing on cybersecurity, focusing on preparing for and responding to the enduring threat, after receiving testimony from General Keith B. Alexander, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, Chief, Central Security Service, Department of Defense; Rand Beers, Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; and Richard A. McFeely, Executive Assistant Director, Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 13, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Chuck Hagel, Secretary, General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Howard A. Shelanski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1094, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with amendments.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks, of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and King, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PENDING BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 6, to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, S. 200, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, S. 257, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, S. 262, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, S. 294, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, S. 373, to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse, S. 430, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, S. 492, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, S. 495, to amend

title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, S. 514, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or an area that leads to employment in a high-demand occupation, S. 515, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, S. 572, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, S. 629, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, S. 674, to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, S. 690, to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 695, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., S. 705, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, S. 735, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and assistance provided to surviving spouses of veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 748, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, S. 778, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to veterans that identify them as veterans, S. 819, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a program of mental health care and rehabilitation for veterans for service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety

disorder, or a related substance use disorder, S. 863, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal time limitations on the eligibility for use of educational assistance under All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, to improve veterans education outreach, S. 868, to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, S. 889, to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, S. 893, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend expiring authority for work-study allowances for individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand such authority to certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, S. 922, to require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program on providing wage subsidies to employers who employ certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces and require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on providing career transition services to young veterans, S. 927, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project to assess the feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of benefits and services for veterans and to improve coordination of outreach activities relating to such benefits and services, S. 928, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 930, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in cases of overpayments of educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, to deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement, S. 932, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs S. 935, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have submitted sufficient medical evidence provided by non-Department medical professionals and to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans, S. 938, to amend title 38, United States

Code, to allow certain veterans to use educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for franchise training, S. 939, to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, S. 944, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, S. 1039, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, S. 1042, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and

S. 1058, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, after receiving testimony from Senators Schatz, Murkowski, Franken, Wyden, Merkley, and Shaheen; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Richard Hipolit, Assistant General Counsel, and John Brizzi, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jeffrey C. Hall, Disabled American Veterans, Ian de Planque, The American Legion, and Ryan M. Gallucci, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; and Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2327–2345; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 257–259 were introduced. **Pages H3355–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3357–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 634, to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–105, Pt. 1);

H.R. 634, to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–105, Pt. 2);

H.R. 742, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts (H. Rept. 113–106, Pt. 1);

H.R. 742, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts (H. Rept. 113–106, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1038, to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–107);

Supplemental report on H.R. 1947, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–92, Pt. 3) and

H. Res. 260, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–108)

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Massie to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Colonel Andrew Gibson, Maine Army National Guard, Augusta, Maine.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 257, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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

Reverse Mortgage Stabilization Act of 2013: H.R. 2167, to authorize the Secretary of Housing