

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 22, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6141–S6263

Measures Introduced: Seventy bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1417–1486, S. Res. 212–217, and S. Con. Res. 22–23.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1429, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–85)

S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018. **Page S6204**

Measures Passed:

Commending David J. Schiappa: Senate agreed to S. Res. 212, commending David J. Schiappa.

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 22, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S6162**

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act: Senate passed H.R. 267, to improve hydropower. **Page S6257**

Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act: Senate passed H.R. 678, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law. **Page S6257**

FOR VETS Act: Senate passed H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property. **Page S6257**

Helping Heroes Fly Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged

from further consideration of H.R. 1344, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6257**

Reid (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1848, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6257–58**

Pipeline Safety Regulatory Documents: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2576, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6258**

Korean Peninsula Peace and Reunification: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 41, encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula. **Page S6258**

Northern Mariana Islands: Senate passed S. 256, to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S6258**

Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”. **Pages S6258–59**

Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the

“Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building”. **Page S6259**

James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 796, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page S6259**

Thaddeus Stevens Post Office: Senate passed S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”. **Page S6259**

First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page S6259**

200th August Quarterly Festival: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 199, celebrating the 200th August Quarterly Festival taking place from August 18, 2013, through August 25, 2013, in Wilmington, Delaware, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6259**

Secretary for the Minority of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 216, electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate. **Page S6259**

American College of Surgeons Days: Senate agreed to S. Res. 217, expressing support for designation of October 6, 2013, through October 10, 2013, as “American College of Surgeons Days” and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization. **Page S6259**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 199), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. **Pages S6154–55**

Energy Efficiency Bill—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1392, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry. **Pages S6162, S6162–81**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, the motion to proceed to consideration of the

bill be agreed to and Senate proceed to consideration of the legislation. **Page S6181**

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 individuals to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Michael Poliakoff of Virginia, vice David Gruen and Andrew Gillen of Washington DC, vice William Luckey. **Page S6260**

Farm Bill Conferees: Chair appointed the following conferees to H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018: Senators Stabenow, Leahy, Harkin, Baucus, Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Cochran, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, and Hoeven. **Pages S6259–60**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S6260**

Authority For Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate’s recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Page S6260**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, August 1, 2013 through Monday, September 9, 2013, Senators Cardin and Levin be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S6260**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, August 2, 2013, at 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, August 9, 2013, at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 12 p.m.; Friday, August 16, 2013, at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 11 a.m.; Friday, August 23, 2013, at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, August 27, at 9 a.m.;

Friday, August 30, 2013, at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 9:15 a.m.; and Friday, September 6, 2013, at 5 p.m.; and that Senate adjourn on Friday, September 6, 2013, until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2013, unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 22, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; and that if the Senate receives such a message, Senate adjourn until 12 p.m., on Monday, August 12, 2013, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted, pursuant to S. Con. Res. 22, and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2013.

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Caproni and Broderick Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, September 9, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Vernon S. Broderick, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that no further motions be in order; and Senate then resume legislative session.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 198), Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

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By 87 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 200), Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

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Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2018.

Gerald Lyn Early, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Daniel Iwao Okimoto, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Katherine H. Tachau, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2020.

Janet Lorraine LaBreck, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2019.

Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Stephen J. Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Timothy Hyungrock Haahs, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

John Unsworth, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

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

Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2019.

Matthew C. Armstrong, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2014.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Dorothy Kosinski, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Brent Franklin Nelsen, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

Joseph W. Nega, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Davita Vance-Cooks, of Virginia, to be Public Printer.

Ryan Clark Crocker, of Washington, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2013.

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Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2017.

Kara Marlene Stein, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2017.

Michael Sean Piwovar, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2018.

Mark E. Schaefer, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

James F. Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy.

William Ira Althen, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2018.

John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2016.

Thomas C. Carper, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Howard Abel Husock, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Avi Garbow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jason Furman, of New York, to be a Member and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Daniel Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Joseph Y. Yun, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

James Costos, of California, to be Ambassador to Spain.

John B. Emerson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

John Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Patricia Marie Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Loretta Cheryl Sutliff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Morrell John Berry, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Australia.

Reuben Earl Brigety, II, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Daniel A. Clune, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon.

Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Susan J. Rabern, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

James Costos, of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Patrick Hubert Gaspard, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

Nicholas Christopher Geale, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2016.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

47 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

33 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Ellen C. Herbst, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Ellen C. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Margaret Louise Cummisky, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S6257, S6263**

Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S6257, S6261**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Gary Blankinship, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Robert L. Hobbs, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Peter C. Tobin, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for a term of four years.

J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2014.

Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security.

Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Deborah A.P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Deborah A.P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2014.

Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2017.

Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights).

Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2015.

Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

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

Lafe E. Solomon, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on May 23, 2013.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—200) Page S6154, S6155, S6161

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m., until 11:45 a.m. on Friday,

August 2, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1429) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

POLITICAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration’s response, after receiving testimony from Representative Pierluisi; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Governor Alejandro Garcia-Padilla, Popular Democratic Party, and Ruben Berrios Martinez, Puerto Rican Independence Party, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1386, to provide for enhanced embassy security, with amendments; and

The nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, and Ryan

Clark Crocker, of Washington, Matthew C. Armstrong, of Illinois, and Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be Chairman, all to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

POW/MIA ACCOUNTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) accounting, after receiving testimony from Major General Kelly McKeague, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Major General W. Montague Winfield, USA (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs, and John A. Goines, III, Chief, Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; and

The nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Dis-

trict of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Also, committee began markup of S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

HUMAN COST OF REGULATORY PARALYSIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action concluded a hearing to examine the human cost of regulatory paralysis, after receiving testimony from Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Baltimore; Sam Batkins, American Action Forum, and Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Patrick K. McLaughlin, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Janette E. Fennell, KidsAndCars.org, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 78 public bills, 2900–2977; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55–57; H. Con. Res. 48–50; and H. Res. 323–325 were introduced. **Pages H5341–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5347–49**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Huizenga to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5265**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5271**

Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 1582, to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes

to 181 noes, Roll No. 432. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 31st. **Pages H5285–93**

Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 431. **Pages H5291–92**

Agreed to:

Woodall amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that requires EPA to make publicly available all data and documents relied upon by the Agency to develop estimates under the bill and

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Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that prohibits the EPA from using the “social cost of carbon” valuation affected by this bill (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 430). **Pages H5286–88, H5290–91**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that was debated on July 31st

that sought to strike section 2 of the bill, which allows DOE to effectively veto EPA rules (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 428) and

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Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that was debated on July 31st that sought to prevent section 2 of the bill from applying to rules related to protecting air and water quality (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 429).

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H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1582) was agreed to on Wednesday, July 24th.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 31st:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013: H.R. 1897, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 435.

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Stop Government Abuse Act: The House passed H.R. 2879, to provide limitations on bonuses for Federal employees during sequestration, to provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service, and to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, by a ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 436.

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H. Res. 322, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 367), (H.R. 2009) and (H.R. 2879), was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 434, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 433.

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Pursuant to section 9 of the rule, the following bills are laid on the table: H.R. 1541, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2711.

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Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013: The House began consideration of H.R. 367, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law. Consideration of the measure is expected to continue tomorrow, August 2nd.

Pages H5306–32

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–187, shall be considered as an original bill for

the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that adds to the definition of what constitutes a “major rule” to include any interim final rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would have a significant impact on a substantial amount of agricultural entities (as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture);

Pages H5319–20

Sessions amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that requires the agency submitting the report on a proposed Federal rule to include an assessment, as part of the cost-benefit analysis submitted to the Comptroller General and each House of Congress, of anticipated jobs gained or lost as a result of implementation, and to specify whether those jobs will come from the public or private sector;

Pages H5322–24

McKinley amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that reduces the annual effect on the economy of the term “major rule” from \$100 million or more to \$50 million or more; and

Pages H5328–29

Webster amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that prevents Federal agencies from implementing significant policy changes without appropriate congressional review. Brings administrative rules having an economic impact of \$100 million or more as scored by the Office of Management and Budget before Congress for a vote.

Pages H5329–30

Proceedings Postponed:

Scalise amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to require the Administration to receive approval from Congress before implementing a carbon tax;

Pages H5317–19

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to require congressional approval for all rules under the authority of the Affordable Care Act;

Pages H5320–21

Latham amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to clarify that the report required to be submitted to Congress by Federal agencies promulgating a rule under the Act must include a list of any other related regulatory actions taken by or that will be taken by any other Federal agency with authority to implement the same statutory provision or regulatory objective;

Pages H5321–22

Nadler amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards in order to prevent nuclear meltdowns like the one in

Fukushima. The amendment would ensure enhanced nuclear safety protection requirements can go into effect; **Pages H5324–25**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the provisions of the bill any rule that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation; **Pages H5325–26**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security; and **Pages H5326–28**

Moore amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt rules pertaining to veterans from the additional requirements of this Act. **Pages H5330–32**

H. Res. 322, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 367), (H.R. 2009) and (H.R. 2879), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 434, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 433.

Pages H5276–85, H5293–94

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5309.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 22 is held at the desk. **Page H5309**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5289, H5289–90, H5290, H5292, H5292–93, H5293, H5294, H5295–96, H5306. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense’s Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons from Past Conflicts”. Testimony was heard from Paul M. Cole, ORISE Fellow, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Central Identification Laboratory; Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

INITIAL CONCLUSIONS FORMED BY THE DEFENSE STRATEGIC CHOICES AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Initial Conclusions Formed by the Defense Strategic Choices and Management Review”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Deputy

Secretary of Defense; and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

ENSURING NAVY SURFACE FORCE EFFECTIVENESS WITH LIMITED MAINTENANCE RESOURCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Ensuring Navy Surface Force Effectiveness With Limited maintenance resources”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Timothy S. Matthews, USN, Director, Fleet Readiness, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense; and Rear Admiral Thomas S. Rowden, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

PPACA PULSE CHECK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “PPACA Pulse Check”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2848, the “Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014”; and H.R. 419, to strengthen and clarify the commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 419; and H.R. 2848.

TRAN-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP: OUTLOOK AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Outlook and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRANIAN PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE 19 YEARS AFTER AMIA ATTACK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the State Department’s Report on Iranian Presence in the Western Hemisphere 19 Years After AMIA Attack”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF U.S. WATER PROGRAMS ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Impact of U.S. Water Programs on Global Health”. Testimony was heard from Christian Holmes, Global Water Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development; Aaron A. Salzberg, Special Coordinator for Water Resources, Department of State; and public witnesses.

WEST FERTILIZER, OFF THE GRID: THE PROBLEM OF UNIDENTIFIED CHEMICAL FACILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology held a hearing entitled “West Fertilizer, Off the Grid: The Problem of Unidentified Chemical Facilities”. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; David Wulf, ISCD Director, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INNOVATION IN AMERICA: THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Innovation in America: The Role of Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACTS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S CLOSED-DOOR SETTLEMENTS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES AND PEOPLE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration's Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People”. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Kent McMullen Chairman, Franklin County Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Pasco, WA; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION: DISCRIMINATING AGAINST VETERANS AND RETALIATING AGAINST WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Energy's Bonneville Power Administration: Discriminating Against Veterans and Retaliating Against Whistleblowers”. Testimony was heard from

Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and Anita J. Decker, Chief Operating Officer, Bonneville Power Administration.

“EPA HYDRAULIC FRACTURING STUDY IMPROVEMENT ACT”; AND ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2850, the “EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study Improvement Act”; and to authorize the issuance of a subpoena. The bill H.R. 2850 was ordered reported, as amended. The Committee voted to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena.

EPA'S BRISTOL BAY WATERSHED ASSESSMENT—A FACTUAL REVIEW OF A HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment—A Factual Review of a Hypothetical Scenario”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 813, the “Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013”; H.R. 1804, the “Foreign Travel Accountability Act”; H.R. 2072, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013”; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2481, the “Veterans G.I. Bill Enrollment Clarification Act of 2013”; H.R. 1443, the “Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2011, the “Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 813; H.R. 1804; H.R. 2072; H.R. 2189; H.R. 2481; and H.R. 1443. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2011.

STATUS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Daniel Werfel, Principal Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2824, the “Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 2208, the “North American

Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013”; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; and H.R. 2799, the “Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security; and Committee on Natural Resources’ Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, joint hearing entitled “Missing Weapons at the National Park Service: Mismanagement and Lack of Accountability”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations hearing entitled “Examining the Skyrocketing Problem of Identity Theft Related Tax Fraud at the IRS”, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through July 31, 2013

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	94	100	..
Time in session	669 hrs., 22'	486 hrs., 34'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,140	5,263	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,179	..
Public bills enacted into law	4	18	22
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	212	210	422
Senate bills	31	4	..
House bills	23	121	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	11	9	..
House concurrent resolutions	9	12	..
Simple resolutions	138	64	..
Measures reported, total	122	182	304
Senate bills	83	..	..
House bills	7	140	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	30	38	..
Special reports	12	5	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	114	48	..
Measures introduced, total	1,668	3,322	4,990
Bills	1,416	2,899	..
Joint resolutions	20	54	..
Concurrent resolutions	21	47	..
Simple resolutions	211	322	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	197	177	..
Recorded votes .....	..	249	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through July 31, 2013

Civilian nominations, totaling 314, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	78
Unconfirmed	231
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,000, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	9
Unconfirmed	991
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,222, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	816
Unconfirmed	4,406
Army nominations, totaling 5,329, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,698
Unconfirmed	1,631
Navy nominations, totaling 3,171, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,572
Unconfirmed	1,598
Withdrawn	1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 762, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	760
Unconfirmed	2
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	15,798
Total confirmed	6,933
Total unconfirmed	8,859
Total withdrawn	6
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:45 a.m., Friday, August 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, August 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session, unless the Senate receives a message that the House of Representatives has agreed to S. Con. Res. 22, Adjournment Resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 367—Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013. Consideration of H.R. 2009—Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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