Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See the Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7065–S7103

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1567 and S. Res. 264. **Page S7101**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Testimony, Documents, and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 264, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *State of Florida v. Lawrence, Denny, & Scarbrough.* **Page S7102**

House Messages:

Continuing Appropriations Resolution: Senate continued consideration of the House Message to accompany H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto: **Page S7065**

Rejected:

House Message to accompany the joint resolution. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 212), Senate tabled the House Message to accompany the joint resolution.) **Page S7065**

Federal Agriculture Reform And Risk Management Act: Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment 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, insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees with a ratio of 7:5 on the part of the Senate: Senators Stabenow, Leahy, Harkin, Baucus, Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Cochran, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, and Hoeven. **Pages S7084–85**

Messages from the House: **Page S7100**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S7100**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S7101**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S7101–02**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7102**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—212) **Page S7065**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7102–03.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on fundamentals of a functioning private label mortgage backed securities market, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Martin S. Hughes, Redwood Trust, Inc., San Rafael, California; John Gidman, Loomis, Sayles and Company, Hull, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Association of Institutional INVESTORS; and Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

TRANSBOUNDRY HYDROCARBON RESERVOIR LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 812, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to implement the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico, and H.R. 1613, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, after receiving testimony

from Carlos Pascual, Special Envoy, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State; Tommy P. Beaudreau, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; and Jacqueline Savitz, Oceana, and Erik Milito, American Petroleum Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 3225–3229; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 70–72, were introduced. **Page H6102**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6103**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6055**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6065**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H6065–66, H6091**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 4:43 p.m. **Page H6070**

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014: H.J. Res. 72, making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 506; **Pages H6082–89**

District of Columbia Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014: H.J. Res. 71, making continuing appropriations of local funds of the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2014, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 507; and **Pages H6077–82, H6089–90**

National Park Service Operations, Smithsonian Institution, National Gallery of Art, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014: H.J. Res. 70, making continuing appropriations for National Park Service Operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 508. **Pages H6071–77, H6090–91**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6065 and H6091.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6089, H6089–90, and H6090–91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF EPA'S IG INVESTIGATION OF JOHN BEALE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Secret Agent Man? Oversight of EPA's IG Investigation of John Beale". Testimony was heard from the following Environmental Protection Agency officials: Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administer; Arthur A. Elkins, Jr., Inspector General; Patrick Sullivan, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations; and public witnesses.

PERSPECTIVES FROM USERS OF THE NATION'S FREIGHT SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation held a hearing entitled "Perspectives from Users of the Nation's Freight System". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in

awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the ''Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act'', 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled ''The Future of the CFTC: Perspectives on Customer Protections'', 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled ''Resetting the Force for the Future: Risks of Sequestration'', 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Wind Energy Production Tax Credit'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Challenge of Retirement Savings for Small Employers'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation, hearing entitled ''Perspectives from Users of the Nation's Freight System'', 1 p.m., 2167 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 September 30, 2013

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	112	118	..
Time in session	794 hrs., 23′	554 hrs., 19′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	7,064	6,053	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	1,409	..
Public bills enacted into law	9	27	36
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	255	256	511
Senate bills	41	11	..
House bills	32	147	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	12	10	..
House concurrent resolutions	10	12	..
Simple resolutions	159	75	..
Measures reported, total	* 174	* 234	408
Senate bills	111	4	..
House bills	7	180	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	53	46	..
Special reports	12	6	..
Conference reports	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	142	74	..
Measures introduced, total	1,874	3,719	5,593
Bills	1,566	3,224	..
Joint resolutions	22	69	..
Concurrent resolutions	23	57	..
Simple resolutions	263	369	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	211	221	..
Recorded votes	..	283	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 111 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 240 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through September 30, 2013

Civilian nominations, totaling 413, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	170
Unconfirmed	237
Withdrawn	6

Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,288, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	16
Unconfirmed	1,272

Air Force nominations, totaling 5,236, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,219
Unconfirmed	17

Army nominations, totaling 6,224, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	6,193
Unconfirmed	31

Navy nominations, totaling 3,833, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	3,828
Unconfirmed	4
Withdrawn	1

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 762, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	761
Unconfirmed	1

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	17,756
Total confirmed	16,187
Total unconfirmed	1,562
Total withdrawn	7
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business for debate only until 12 p.m. (noon).

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 2

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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Coffman, Mike, Colo., E1413
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