

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-elect Cory Booker, of New Jersey, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1627–1638, S.J. Res. 27, and S. Res. 279–284. **Pages S7728–29**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya.

S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1631, to consolidate the congressional oversight provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes. **Page S7724**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2009, the text of S. 601, Senate companion measure, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7778**

Adopted:

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2009, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7778**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 5 to 3. **Page S7778**

School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act: Senate passed 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 ad-

minister epinephrine and meeting other related requirements). **Page S7778**

C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3302, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", and the bill was then passed.

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Corporation for National and Community Service 20th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Corporation for National and Community Service. **Page S7778**

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 283, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S7778**

Measures Considered:

Employment Non-Discrimination Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. **Page S7777**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 31, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur following disposition of the nomination of Debra M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013. **Page S7777**

Swearing in of Senator Booker: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-

elect Cory Booker, of the State of New Jersey, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Watt Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 226), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination.

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Millett Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 38 nays, 3 responding present (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination.

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Woods and Brown Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, November 4, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi; 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; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—227) Pages S7706, S7708

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:11 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7779.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Michael D. Lumpkin, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, Kenneth L. Mossman, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 394 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on a government guarantee for mortgage-backed securities, including S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Joseph Tracy, Executive Vice President and Special Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New Canaan, Connecticut; Phillip L.