

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2427–S2526

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2265–2270, and S. Res. 425–429. **Pages S2469–70**

Measures Passed:

Civic Education Programs in Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 427, expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic education programs in schools in the United States. **Page S2524**

National Minority Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 428, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2014, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States, such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. **Page S2524**

Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, designating April 30, 2014, as “Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans”. **Page S2524**

Measures Considered:

Minimum Wage Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2223, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S2427–28, S2435–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2524**

Lipman Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. **Pages S2431–33**

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

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2431–33**

Bastian Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Page S2433**

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 112), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2433**

Shah Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S2433**

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

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2433–34**

Crabtree Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S2434**

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2434**

Bashant Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S2434**

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2434–35**

Levy Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be

United States District Judge for the District of Maine. **Page S2435**

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

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2435**

Lipman, Bastian, Shah, Crabtree, Bashant, Levy Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, Senate continue consideration of the nominations of Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, as provided for under the order of Monday, April 28, 2014. **Page S2524**

Chuang Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S2462**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 1, 2014. **Page S2462**

Hazel Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Pages S2462–63**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S2462**

Moritz Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Page S2463**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland,

to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S2463**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S2433–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2524.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INNOVATION THROUGH FEDERAL INVESTMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine driving innovation through Federal investments, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy; Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; France Cordova, Director, National Science Foundation; and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, and Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR (Ret.), Chair, and R. L. Brownlee, Janine A. Davidson, Margaret C. Harrell, General Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF (Ret.), and