

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 135), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2838**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 139), Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois. **Pages S2838, S2845, S2888**

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2838**

Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education. **Pages S2846, S2888**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S2888**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—140) **Pages S2837–38, S2844–46**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2888.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States economic and fiscal outlook, after receiving testimony from Janet L.

Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

THE STATE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN THE U.S.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine the state of United States travel and tourism, focusing on industry efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, after receiving testimony from Mike McCartney, Hawai’i Tourism Authority President and CEO, Honolulu; Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, and Christopher L. Thompson, Brand USA, both of Washington, DC; and Brad Dean, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stefan M. Selig, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Johanns, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, Lanhee J. Chen, of California, and Alan L. Cohen, of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ASSESSING VENEZUELA’S POLITICAL CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing Venezuela’s political crisis, focusing on human rights violations and beyond, after receiving testimony from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Patrick Duddy, former Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Durham, North Carolina, all of the Department of State; and Moises Naim, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Jose Miguel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, DC.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine identifying critical factors for success in information technology acquisitions, including implementing the best practices and reform initiatives to help improve the management of investments, after receiving testimony from Daniel M. Tangherlini, Administrator,

General Services Administration; Steven VanRoekel, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology, and Karen S. Evans, former Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, Martinsburg, West Virginia, both of the Office of Management and Budget; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Daniel J. Chenok, Industry Advisory Council, Vienna, Virginia.

ARMY SPONSORSHIP AND MARKETING CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine waste and abuse in Army sponsorship and marketing contracts, after receiving testimony from Major General Judd H. Lyons, Acting Director, Army National Guard, and Kathy A. Salas, Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, both of the National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Manchin and McCain, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, and Paul G. Byron, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Darrin P. Gayles, and Beth Bloom, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4605–4621; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 577–578 were introduced. **Pages H4015–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4016–17**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3943**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3948**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Coates, Chaplain, United States Navy, Office of the Chaplain of the Marine Corps, Greenville, Illinois. **Pages H3948–49**

Announcement from the Chair: The Chair announced to the House that, pursuant to H. Res. 574, the Speaker has certified to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia the refusal of Lois G. Lerner to provide testimony before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H3961**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m. **Page H3968**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, May 7th:

Electrify Africa Act of 2014: H.R. 2548, amended, to establish a comprehensive United States government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 297 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 208. **Pages H3970–71**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.” **Page H3971**

Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi: The House agreed