Thursday, June 5, 2014

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3433–S3479

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2433–2448, and S. Res. 468. **Pages S3474–75**

Measures Reported:

S. 2437, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. (S. Rept. No. 113–181)

S. 2438, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. (S. Rept. No. 113–182)

S. 51, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act. (S. Rept. No. 113–183)

S. 212, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi. (S. Rept. No. 113–184)

S. 224, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay. (S. Rept. No. 113–185)

S. 491, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–186)

S. 741, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–187)

S. 969, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–188)

S. 1077, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. (S. Rept. No. 113–189)

S. 1080, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship. (S. Rept. No. 113–190)

S. 1451, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or shipment of quagga mussels. (S. Rept. No. 113–191)

S. 2080, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation. (S. Rept. No. 113–192)

S. 898, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

World War II Memorial Prayer Act: Senate passed S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D–Day, June 6, 1944. **Pages S3461–64**

Authorize the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S3477–78**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, June 5, 2014 through Monday, June 9, 2014, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S3478**

Lauck Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S3464**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 5, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014. **Page S3464**

Sorokin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S3464**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 5, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014. **Page S3464**

Boulware Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Page S3464**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 5, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014. **Pages S3464–65**

Brainard Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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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 Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Page S3465**

Powell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3465**

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 Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3465**

Fischer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3465**

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 Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3465**

Lauck, Sorokin, and Boulware Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 9, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nominations of M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations in the order listed; and that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 78 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 175), Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S3454, S3479**

Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps. **Pages S3454, S3479**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2018.

Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.

Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S3478–79**

Messages from the House: **Page S3471**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S3433, S3471**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3466–71**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3477**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S3477**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—175) **Page S3454**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:31 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3478.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill (S. 2437) making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, for fiscal year 2015; and

An original bill (S. 2438) making appropriations for and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

INTERNET PROTOCOL TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine preserving public safety and network reliability in the Internet Protocol (IP) transition, after receiving testimony from Henning Schulzrinne, Chief Technology Officer, Federal Communications Commission; Jonathan Banks, United States Telecom Association, Jodie Griffin, Public Knowledge, and Colette D. Honorable, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, all of Washington, DC; and Gigi Smith, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Daytona Beach, Florida.

DEVELOPMENTS IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developments in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jane Harman, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and former Representative Mark Green, International Republican Institute; and Steven Pifer, The Brookings Institution, James F. Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Kenneth Wollack, National Democratic Institute, all of Washington, DC.

WILDFIRES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine wildfires, focusing on assessing first responder training and capabilities, after receiving testimony from James E. Hubbard, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Mike Navarre, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska; and William R. Dougan, The National Federation of Federal Employees, and Kevin B. O'Connor, International Association of Fire Fighters, both of Washington, DC.

USA FREEDOM ACT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 3361, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, after receiving testimony from James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General, and Mark F. Giuliano, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Richard H. Ledgett, Deputy Director, National Security Agency; Robert S. Litt, General Counsel, and Stephanie O'Sullivan, Deputy Director, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Harley Geiger, Center for Democracy and Technology, Dean C. Garfield, Information Technology Industry Council, Michael J. Woods, Verizon Communications Inc., and Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson, LLP, all of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4801–4808 were introduced. **Page H5072**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5073**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 as follows:

H.R. 4800, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–468).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4413, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–469);

H.R. 4412, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–470); and

S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–471 Pt. 1). **Page H5072**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5071**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Oran Warder, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia. **Page H5071**

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Higgins, Slaughter, Meeks, Larsen (WA), and DeFazio. **Page H5071**

World War I Centennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual to the World War I Centennial Commission: Ms. Monique Seefried of Atlanta, GA. **Page H5071**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5071.

Senate Referral: S. 2270 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H5071**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nominations of M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations in the order listed.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, June 9

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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