

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), reappointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

Senator Mikulski, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Cardin, At Large. **Page S8983**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:

Senator Joe Manchin III vice The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. **Pages S8983–84**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—282) **Page S8957**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DATA BROKERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what information data brokers have on consumers, and how they use it, after receiving testimony from Jessica Rich, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Pam Dixon, World Privacy Forum, San Diego, California; Joseph Turow, University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School for Communication, Philadelphia; Tony Hadley, Experian, Costa Mesa, California; and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Washington, DC.

RETIREMENT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine the role of Social Security, defined benefits, and private retirement accounts in relation to retirement crisis, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Romasco, AARP, Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, all of Washington, DC; and John Sweeney, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts.

ASIA IV REBALANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine economic engagement in the Asia-Pacific region, focusing on rebalance to Asia IV, after receiving testimony from Scot A. Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; John Andersen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets, International Trade Administration; and Matthew P. Goodman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Derek Scissors, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "Egypt Assistance Reform Act of 2013";

S. 653, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia;

S. Res. 314, commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day;

S. Res. 288, supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats;

S. Res. 312, calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history;

S. Res. 75, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, with amendments;

S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh;

S. Res. 319, expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union; and

The nominations of Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years, and Keith Michael Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee order favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1417, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1719 to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program; and

The nominations of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, and Steven Joel Anthony, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1352, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, focusing on measuring the effectiveness of the reauthorization act and maximizing research dollars to America's small businesses, after receiving testimony from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Chris Rinaldi, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, and Andre Gudger, Director, both of the Office of Small Business Program, Department of Defense; Manny Oliver, Director, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, Department of Energy; Matthew Portnoy, Director, Office of Extramural Programs, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Pravina Raghavan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; Lisa Sobolewski, Small Business Innovation Research Program Director, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Savoie, Geocent, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana; Charles Wessner, National Academy of Sciences, and Jere Glover, Small Business Technology Council, both of Washington, DC; Mahendra K. Jain, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, Lexington; Jenny Houston, Warwick Mills, New Ipswich, New Hampshire; and Dave Green, Physical Sciences, Inc., Andover, Massachusetts.

LONG-TERM CARE POLICY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation, after receiving testimony from Bruce Chernof, The SCAN Foundation, Long Beach, California, and Mark Warshawsky, American Enterprise Institute, Arlington, Virginia, both of the Commission on Long-Term Care; and Judy Feder, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, and Anne Tumlinson, Avalere Health, both of Washington, DC.