

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3304, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8985–S9069

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1859–1881. **Pages S9051–52**

Measures Reported:

S. 1376, to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–129)

S. Res. 157, expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–130)

S. 975, to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009, with amendments.

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. 1491, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, with amendments.

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

S. 1870, to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children.

S. 1871, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program. **Page S9051**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 71, providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304. **Page S9068**

Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 2319, to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994. **Page S9068**

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 623, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9068**

Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S9068–69**

Accuracy for Adoptees Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1614, to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9069**

Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of

1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth.

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House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3304, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 2552, to change the enactment date.

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

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate failed to table the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 2552 (listed above).

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Reid Amendment No. 2553 (to Amendment No. 2552), of a perfecting nature fell when Reid Amendment No. 2552 was withdrawn.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:

The Honorable James M. Talent of Missouri, vice Daniel Blumenthal, for a term expiring December 31, 2015.

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Mayorkas Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

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

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 285), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, all but one hour of post-cloture time be yielded back, and that when the Senate convenes on Friday, December 20th, 2013, Senate continue consideration of the nomination, with the remaining hour of debate equally divided between Senators Carper and Coburn, or their designees, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, as under the regular order, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, as under the regular order, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as under the regular order, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination on Monday, January 6, 2014 at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; that the cloture motions on the nominations of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Jessica Garfolo Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board be withdrawn.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Tanya S. Chutkan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Michael P. Boggs, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Nomination Discharged:

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009 and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar on December 17, 2013:

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S9010, S9067–68**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 and adjourned at

12:21 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2013, until 9 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9069.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 37, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, with an amendment;

S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1300, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects, with amendments;

S. 1301, to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1341, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, with an amendment;

S. 1491, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve United States-Israel energy cooperation, with amendments;

H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; and

H.R. 2337, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.