

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9071–S9117

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1882–1894, S. Res. 325–327, and S. Con. Res. 30. **Pages S9104–05**

Measures Reported:

S. 1271, to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–131) **Page S9104**

Measures Passed:

The District of Columbia Home Rule Act: Senate passed H.R. 3343, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia. **Page S9111**

Federal Election Commission: Senate passed H.R. 3487, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations. **Page S9111**

Condemning the Government of Iran: Senate agreed to 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S9111–14**

National Toy Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, designating the week of December 22 through December 28, 2013, as "National Toy Week". **Pages S9114–15**

Congratulating Southern New Hampshire University Men's Soccer Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, congratulating the 2013 Southern New Hamp-

shire University men's soccer team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer Championship. **Pages S9114–15**

Congratulating Sporting Kansas City: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, congratulating Sporting Kansas City for an outstanding 2013 season in Major League Soccer and for winning the Major League Soccer Cup 2013. **Pages S9114–15**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S9116**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate indefinitely postponed H. Con. Res. 72, providing for corrections to the enrollment of H.J. Res. 59. **Page S9115**

Sandy Recovery Improvement Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 219, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy. **Page S9115**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Benefits Extension—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits. **Page S9083**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S9083**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S9116**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Friday, December 20, 2013, through Monday, January 6, 2014, the Majority Leader, and Senators Warner and Rockefeller be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S9115**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session, unless the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 30, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives: Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at 12 noon; Friday, December 27, 2013 at 12 noon; Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 12 noon; and Friday, January 3, 2014 at 11:45 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, January 3, 2014, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 6, 2014; and that if the Senate receives a message that the House of Representatives has adopted S. Con. Res. 30, Senate adjourn until Friday, January 3, 2014 at 11:45 a.m., for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted, and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 6, 2014. **Page S9115**

Yellen Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S9080–81**

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

By 59 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S9082–83**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, January 6, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S9116**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 286), Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S9072–79, S9116**

By 59 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 288), John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S9079–80, S9081**

By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 290), Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Pages S9082, S9116

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

By 56 yeas to 36 nays, 2 responding present (Vote No. 289), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S9082**

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S9111, S9116–17**

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—291) **Pages S9079, S9081, S9082, S9083**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:10 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9116.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On Thursday, December 19, 2013, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Boxer, Nelson, Pryor, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Schatz, Booker, Ayotte,