

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5573–S5594

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2802–2811, and S. Res. 544–545. **Page S5588**

Measures Reported:

S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety. (S. Rept. No. 113–253)

S. 1406, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–254)

S. 1925, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–255)

S. 2521, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security. (S. Rept. No. 113–256)

S. 1535, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5588**

Measures Passed:

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5134, to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5592**

International Year of Family Farming: Senate agreed to S. Res. 544, designating the year of 2014 as the “International Year of Family Farming”. **Page S5592**

Measures Considered:

Federal Student Loans: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432,

to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans. **Pages S5573–74**

Paycheck Fairness Act: By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 262), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S5579–80**

Baran Nomination—Cloture: By 52 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S5580**

Burns Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Pages S5580–82**

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

By 54 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5580–81**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of

America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force; that there be two minutes for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees prior to each vote; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S5592**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Benjamin L. Cardin, of Maryland, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ronald H. Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Isobel Coleman, of New York, as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Carol Leslie Hamilton, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America, to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2019.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S5592–94**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—264)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5592.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC STATEHOOD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine equality for the District of Columbia, focusing on discussing the implications of S. 132, to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union, after receiving testimony from Representative Norton; and Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Phil Mendelson, Council of the District of Columbia Chairman, Paul Strauss and Michael D. Brown, both a United States (Shadow) Senator, Viet D. Dinh, Bancroft PLLC, Alice M. Rivlin, The Brookings Institution, Wade Henderson, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Roger Pilon, Cato Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, all of Washington, DC.