

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6359–S6398

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2987–2989, and S. Res. 595. **Page S6388**

Measures Reported:

S. 2946, to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–286)

Report to accompany S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act. (S. Rept. No. 113–287)

S. 429, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1014, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2022, to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2094, to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007.

S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6388**

Measures Passed:

FOIA Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6375–77**

Federal Information Security Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 2521, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6395**

Reid (for Carper/Coburn) Amendment No. 3975, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6395**

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 1281, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6395**

Reid (for Paul) Amendment No. 3976, to clarify rules relating to newborn screening research and informed consent. **Page S6395**

Neil Havens Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4939, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the “Neil Havens Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6395**

James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1707, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6395**

George Thomas ‘Mickey’ Leland Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 78, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110

Almeda Road in Houston, Texas, as the “George Thomas ‘Mickey’ Leland Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6395–96**

National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2112, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6396**

Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6396**

Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2678, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6396**

Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6396**

Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the “Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6396**

Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act: Senate passed S. 2142, to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela,

after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Reid (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3974, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6396–98**
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Appointments:

Federal Judicial Center Foundation: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–702, the appointment of the following individual to the board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation: Peter Kraus of Texas vice Richard D. Casey of South Dakota. **Page S6395**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 316), Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2018.

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By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 317), Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2019.

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Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy. **Pages S6378–79, S6398**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—317) **Page S6379**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6398.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Leigh A. Brad-

ley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 5803–5810; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 772 09774 were introduced. **Pages H8867–68**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8868**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4309, to amend the Sikes Act to make certain improvements to the administration of cooperative agreements for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–647, Part 1);

H.R. 4489, to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–648, Part 1);

H.R. 4402, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to establish a surface danger zone over the Guam National Wildlife Refuge or any portion thereof to support the operation of a live-fire training range complex, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–649, Part 1); and

H.R. 5683, to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts (H. Rept. 113–650).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Byrne to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8821**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page S8825**

Guest Chaplain: Lt. Cmdr. Robert Burns Chaplain, United States Navy Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Plantation, Florida. **Page H8825**

Unanimous consent agreement to correct H.R. 3979: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate

amendment to H.R. 3979, pursuant to House Resolution 770, the Clerk be instructed to make the correction placed at the desk. **Page H8826**

California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014: The House considered H.R. 5781, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part C of H. Rept. 113–646 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8826**

H. Res. 770, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3979), (H.R. 5759), and (H.R. 5781), was agreed to on December 4.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5385, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”; **Pages H8840–41**

Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”; **Pages H8841–42**

Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building”; **Page H8842**

Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5562, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the “Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building”; **Pages H8842–43**