

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 2112, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3851–S3904

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1213–1230, and S. Res. 209–211. **Page S3891**

Measures Reported:

S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3890–91**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Dallas Mavericks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, congratulating the Dallas Mavericks on winning the 2011 National Basketball Championship. **Page S3902**

Congratulating the Boston Bruins: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, congratulating the Boston Bruins for winning the 2011 Stanley Cup Championship. **Page S3902**

Measures Considered:

Economic Development Revitalization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3852–74**

Adopted:

By 73 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 90), Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) Modified Amendment No. 476, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to). **Pages S3852–71**

Rejected:

By 41 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 91), McCain Amendment No. 411, to prohibit the use of Federal

funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S3852, S3871**

Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 394, to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. **Page S3852**

Paul Amendment No. 414, to implement the President's request to increase the statutory limit on the public debt. **Page S3852**

Cardin Amendment No. 407, to require the FHA to equitably treat homebuyers who have repaid in full their FHA-insured mortgages. **Page S3852**

Merkley/Snowe Amendment No. 428, to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers. **Page S3852**

Kohl Amendment No. 389, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Page S3852**

Hutchison Amendment No. 423, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S3852**

Portman Amendment No. 417, to provide for the inclusion of independent regulatory agencies in the application of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.). **Page S3852**

Portman Amendment No. 418, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) to strengthen the economic impact analyses for major rules, require agencies to analyze the effect of major rules on jobs, and require adoption of the least burdensome regulatory means. **Page S3852**

McCain Amendment No. 412, to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act. **Page S3852**

Merkley Amendment No. 440, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an Energy Efficiency Loan Program under which the Secretary shall make funds available to States to support financial assistance provided by qualified financing entities for making qualified energy efficiency or renewable efficiency improvements. **Page S3852**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3852**

Brown (MA)/Snowe Amendment No. 405, to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities. **Page S3852**

Inhofe Amendment No. 430, to reduce amounts authorized to be appropriated. **Page S3852**

Inhofe Amendment No. 438, to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain Federal regulatory mandates. **Page S3852**

Merkley Amendment No. 427, to make a technical correction to the HUBZone designation process. **Page S3852**

McCain Amendment No. 441 (to Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436), to prohibit the use of Federal funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. **Page S3852**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 16, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. **Page S3873**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense, Senate resume consideration of the bill and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that the mandatory quorum under Rule XXII be waived; providing further, that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011. **Pages S3883–84**

Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation. **Pages S3874, S3883**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 16, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. **Page S3883**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is not invoked on S. 782, Economic Development Revitalization Act, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that the mandatory quorum under Rule XXII be waived. **Pages S3883–84**

Simon and Panetta Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Michael H. Simon, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon; that there be one hour for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; provided that following this vote, Senate recess until 2:15 p.m., for the weekly party conferences; provided further, that at 2:15 p.m., Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense, that there be two hours for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S3883**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Edgar Bryson, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Public Health Service. **Pages S3903–04**

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

A routine list in the Public Health Service. **Page S3904**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—91) **Page S3871**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 5:37 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3903.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon.

CREDIT UNIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine credit unions, focusing on member business lending, after receiving testimony from Debbie Matz, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Bill Cheney, Credit Union National Association, Inc., Washington, DC.; Noah Wilcox, Grand Rapids State Bank, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Mike Lussier, Webster First Federal Credit Union, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and Stephen P. Wilson, American Bankers Association, Lebanon, Ohio.

UNITED STATES AND PALAU RELATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 343, to amend Title I of P.L. 99–658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, and to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended P.L. 99–658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, to carry out the agreements resulting from that review, and the proposed United States assistant to Palau and its likely impact, after receiving testimony from Frankie Reed, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas; Robert Scher, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and President H. E. Johnson Toribiong, Republic of Palau.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S SAFETY REVIEW

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's preliminary results of the nuclear safety review in the United States following the emergency at Fukushima Daiichi power plant in Japan, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, all a Commissioner, all of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine achieving the policy goals of the "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act" (NAGPRA), and key Federal agencies' and the Smithsonian Institution's efforts to identify and repatriate Indian human remains and objects, after receiving testimony from Anu K. Mittal, Director, and Jeff Malcolm, Assistant Director, both of Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Government Accountability Office; Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service, and John Rever, Director, Office of Facilities, Environment and Cultural Resources, Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Kevin Gover, Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian; Mark Macarro, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, Temecula, California; Mervin Wright Jr., Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada; and Ted Isham, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright; and

The nominations of Marina Garcia Marmolejo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Michael Charles Green, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Wilma Antoinette Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and Thomas Gray Walker, to be