

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5921–S5960*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1622–1632, S. Res. 276–282, and S. Con. Res. 29. **Page S5945**

**Measures Passed:**

*Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S5932**

*Short-Term TANF Extension Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2943, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011. **Page S5932**

*Honoring the Service of Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, honoring the service of Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry, a native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the second living recipient of the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5932**

*Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda of the United States Capitol:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 29, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for an event to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., Michael Collins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in recognition of their significant contributions to society. **Page S5932**

*National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month:* Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 248, supporting the goals and ideals of National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5933**

*Congratulating the Nunaka Valley Little League:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged

from further consideration of S. Res. 273, congratulating the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team on their performance in the Junior League Softball World Series, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5933**

*National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 261, designating the month of October 2011 as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5933–34**

*National Infant Mortality Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 276, expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month of 2011. **Page S5934**

*National Principals Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 277, recognizing the month of October 2011 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S5934**

*National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 278, designating September 2011 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Pages S5934–35**

*Worldwide Day of Play:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 279, expressing support for the designation of September 24, 2011, as “Worldwide Day of Play”. **Page S5935**

*National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 280, designating the week beginning September 19, 2011, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week” and recognizing the achievements of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. **Page S5935**

*National Estuaries Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, designating September 24, 2011, as “National Estuaries Day”. **Pages S5935–36**

*Authorizing Testimony:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, to authorize testimony in *Kanelos v. County of Mohave*, et al. and *Zanna, et al. v. Mohave County*, et al. **Pages S5958–59**

**House Messages:**

**Continuing Appropriations—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House

of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2608, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

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. 655 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to provide continuing appropriations in fiscal year 2011 and additional appropriations for disaster relief in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. (By 59 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Pending:

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. 656 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to provide continuing appropriations in fiscal year 2011 and additional appropriations for disaster relief in fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

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Reid Amendment No. 657 (to Amendment No. 656), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 658, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 659 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 658), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 660 (to Amendment No. 659), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on 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. 656 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate 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 Friday, September 23, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 26, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, September 26, 2011, Senate resume consideration of 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. 656, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; providing further, that the second-degree filing deadline

for the motion to concur be at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, September 26, 2011.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

10 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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A routine list in the Public Health Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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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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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—151)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:59 p.m., until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5959.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, and Corinne Ann Beckwith, and Catharine Friend Easterly, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.