

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6359–S6395

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1677–1681. **Page S6390**

Measures Reported:

S. 914, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–88)

S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

S. 1642, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement. **Page S6390**

Measures Passed:

Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act: By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate passed S. 1619, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6378–82**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 694, to change the enactment date. **Page S6378**

Measures Considered:

American Jobs Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1660, to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs. **Pages S6382–84**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 160), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6383**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6383**

Trade Bills—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3080, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement; H.R. 3079, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and H.R. 3078, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, en bloc; and that there be 12 hours of debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees with Senator Baucus controlling 20 minutes and Senator Brown (OH) and Senator Sanders each controlling an hour of the Majority time, and that all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect. **Page S6393**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 158), Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Pages S6377–78, S6395**

Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S6393, S6395**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James Timberlake, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Judith D. Singer, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S6393–95**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6393**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—160) **Pages S6378, S6383**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6393.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement;

S. 1642, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement;

S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and

The nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT FORUMS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Pasquale M. Tamburrino, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy; William R. Dougan, National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), and Gregory J. Junemann, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), both of Washington, D.C.; Patricia Niehaus, Federal Managers Association (FMA), Alexandria, Virginia; and George Nesterzuk, Nesterzuk and Associates, Vienna, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3145–3151; 2 private bills, H.R. 3152–3153; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 429, were introduced. **Page H6781**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6782**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–242, Pt. 1) and

Supplemental report on H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3078) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3079) to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3080) to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 112–240, Pt. 2).

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