

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S661–S804

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2110–2114, and S. Res. 376–378. **Page S699**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing John Herschel Glenn, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the historic achievement of John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth. **Pages S690–92**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 99, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to unveil the marker which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol. **Pages S802–03**

Sense of the Senate Regarding Children: Senate agreed to S. Res. 378, expressing the sense of the Senate that children should have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family and that it is the policy of the United States that family reunification, kinship care, or domestic and intercountry adoption promotes permanency and stability to a greater degree than long-term institutionalization and long-term, continually disrupted foster care. **Page S803**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Reid (for Johnson (SD)/Shelby) Amendment No. 1515, of a perfecting nature. **Page S686**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1633, of a perfecting nature. **Page S686**

Reid Amendment No. 1634 (to Amendment No. 1633), to change the enactment date. **Page S686**

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1635, to change the enactment date. **Page S686**

Reid Amendment No. 1636 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1635), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S686–87**

Reid Amendment No. 1637 (to Amendment No. 1636), of a perfecting nature. **Page S687**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 1633 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February 17, 2012. **Page S686**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2012. **Page S803**

Furman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S687**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid Amendment No. 1633 (to S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century). **Page S687**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 19), Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S663, S699**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—19) Page S673

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S804.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, and Chester John Culver, of Iowa, and Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration.

ENERGY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy and economic growth for rural America, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Mathias J. McCauley, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Traverse City, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and the National Association of Counties (NACo); Florine Raitano, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (the Western RCAP), Dillon, Colorado; Mark Rembert, Energize Clinton County, Wilmington, Ohio; Charles W. Fluharty, Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), Columbia, Missouri; Steve Flick, National Farmers Union (NFU), Centerview, Missouri; Lee Edwards, Virent, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; Bennie Hutchins, Ag Energy Resources, LLC, Brookhaven, Mississippi; and Bill Greving, Greving Farms Inc., Prairie View, Kansas.

INCENTIVE COMPENSATION AT LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine pay for performance, focusing on incentive compensation at large financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Kurt Hyde, Deputy Special Inspector General, Audit and Evaluation, Office of the

Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; Lucian A. Bebchuk, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Robert J. Jackson, Jr., Columbia Law School, New York, New York; and Michael S. Melbinger, Winston and Strawn LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable on Executive Compensation.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

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Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on protecting those who protect us, including law enforcement body armor, how the Department of Justice supports its use and enhancements, and the need to strengthen management of its related grant programs, after receiving testimony from David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department Chief of Police, Burlington, Vermont; and Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator Brown (OH), Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Graham and Representative Clyburn, and Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Kerry and Brown (MA), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.