

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2115–2122, S.J. Res. 36–37, and S. Res. 379–380. **Page S850**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 379, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against the Syrian people, with a preamble. **Page S850**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate continued 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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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1633, of a perfecting nature. **Page S814**

Reid Amendment No. 1634 (to Amendment No. 1633), to change the enactment date. **Page S814**

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 S814**

Reid Amendment No. 1636 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1635), of a perfecting nature. **Page S814**

Reid Amendment No. 1637 (to Amendment No. 1636), of a perfecting nature. **Page S814**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Friday, February 17, 2012, and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate proceed to the cloture vote with respect to Reid Amendment No. 1633 (listed above); that if cloture is invoked on Reid Amendment No. 1633, the second-degree amendment be withdrawn, Reid Amendment No. 1633 be agreed to, and the bill, as amended, be considered original text for the purposes of further amendment; if cloture is not invoked, the motion to recommit and Reid Amend-

ment No. 1633 be withdrawn; that immediately following the cloture vote and the actions listed above depending on the result of the cloture vote, Senate then proceed to Executive Session and the cloture motion on the nomination of Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, be withdrawn; that there be two minutes equally divided, between the Chair and Ranking Members of the Judiciary Committee prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order; that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Senate then resume legislative session and the Majority Leader be recognized, provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid Amendment No. 1633 to the bill be at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, February 17, 2012. **Page S838**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Elissa F. Cadish, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

35 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S875.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

EUROPEAN DEBT CRISIS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the European debt crisis and its implications, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs; and Steven B. Kamin, Director, Division of International Finance, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 and revenue proposals, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution condemning

violence by the Government of Syria against the Syrian people.

IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Iran's influence and activity in Latin America, after receiving testimony from Cynthia J. Arnson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Douglas Farah, International Assessment and Strategy Center, Roger F. Noriega, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council, all of Washington, D.C.

IRAN'S INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Iran's influence and activity in Latin America from Elizabeth Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Kevin Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and James McElveen, Division Chief, South America, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State; and Chris Markwood, Deputy National Intelligence Manager, Iran, and Richard May, Senior Analyst, Threat Finance, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

CYBERSECURITY ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's future, including S. 2105, to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller and Feinstein; Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Tom Ridge, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Charney, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

REGIONAL LEVEL WORKFORCE NEEDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine addressing workforce needs at the regional level, focusing on innovative public and private partnerships, after receiving testimony from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Marlena Sessions, Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County,