

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2663–S2743

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2346–2369, and S. Res. 435–438. **Pages S2730–31**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013.”. (S. Rept. No. 112–160)

S. 1119, to reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–161)

S. 1952, to improve hazardous materials transportation safety and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 112–162)

H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office”.

H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the “John J. Cook Post Office”.

H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office”.

H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office”.

H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the “Tomball Veterans Post Office”.

H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the “William T. Trant Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the “Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building”.

S. Res. 419, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition week.

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Measures Passed:

21st Century Postal Service Act: By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate passed S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, April 19, 2011, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2683–97**

Adopted:

Bingaman/Udall (NM) Amendment No. 2076 (to Amendment No. 2000), to require that State liaisons for States without a district office are located within their respective States. (Pursuant to the order of

Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Paul Amendment No. 2027 (to Amendment No. 2000), to require the closing of post offices in the Capitol Complex. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Paul Modified Amendment No. 2029 (to Amendment No. 2000), to require the Postal Service to take into consideration the impact of regulations when developing a profitability plan. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Carper Amendment No. 2066 (to Amendment No. 2000), to appropriately limit the compensation of executives of the Postal Service. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Landrieu Amendment No. 2072 (to Amendment No. 2000), to determine the impact of certain postal facility closures or consolidations on small businesses. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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McCaskill Amendment No. 2030 (to Amendment No. 2000), to improve the workers compensation provisions. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Pryor/Begich Amendment No. 2036 (to Amendment No. 2000), to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the closing and consolidation of postal facilities and post offices. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Rockefeller/Cardin Modified Amendment No. 2073 (to Amendment No. 2000), relative to Medicare educational program for Postal Service employees and retirees. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 2074 (to Amendment No. 2000), to improve the Postal Service Health Benefits Program. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Schumer Amendment No. 2050 (to Amendment No. 2000), to maintain all current door delivery point services. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Lieberman (for Warner/Mikulski) Modified Amendment No. 2071 (to Amendment No. 2000), to require reporting regarding retirement processing and modernization. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Tester/Pryor Amendment No. 2032 (to Amendment No. 2000), to appropriately limit the pay of Postal Service executives. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, was vitiated.)

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Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 77), Manchin/Rockefeller Amendment No. 2079 (to Amendment No. 2000), to extend the moratorium on the closing and consolidation of postal facilities or post offices, stations, or branches. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 19, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 78), Paul Amendment No. 2028 (to Amendment No. 2000), to establish a pilot program to test alternative methods for the delivery of postal services. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 19, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 23 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 79), Paul Amendment No. 2039 (to Amendment No. 2000), to prohibit employees of the United States Postal Service from engaging in collective bargaining. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 19, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 80), Casey Amendment No. 2042 (to Amendment No. 2000), to maintain current delivery time for market-dominant products. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 19, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 81), DeMint Amendment No. 2046 (to Amendment 2000), to provide protections for postal workers with respect to their right not to subsidize union nonrepresentational activities. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 19, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Congratulating the Boston College Men's Ice Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, congratulating the Boston College men's ice hockey

team on winning its fifth National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey Championship. **Pages S2741–42**

National Safe Digging Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 438, to support the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month. **Page S2742**

Measures Considered:

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2012, that the Senate be in a period of debate only until 11:30 a.m., and that after the remarks of the two Leaders, the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 45 minutes and the Majority controlling the second 45 minutes. **Pages S2697–98**

Costa and Guaderrama Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas; that there be 30 minutes 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 nominations in the order listed; that no further motions be in order; and that following the votes on confirmation of the nominations, the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S2722**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Jesus G. Bernal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Shelly Deckert Dick, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Lorna G. Schofield, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2015.

A routine list in the Army.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S2684, S2687–90, S2696**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2742.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for national and military intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; and Tom Ferguson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Bradley H. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Formica, USA, Commander, United States Army Space and Missile