

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4313–S4377

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3315–3324, and S. Res. 500–502. **Page S4368**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 385, condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 402, condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for committing crimes against humanity and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government and governments in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 429, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

S. Res. 473, commending Rotary International and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio. **Page S4366**

Measures Passed:

Celebrating the Accomplishments of Title IX: Senate agreed to S. Res. 500, celebrating the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and recognizing the need to continue pursuing the goal of equal educational opportunities for all women and girls. **Pages S4375–76**

National Men's Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 501, supporting National Men's Health Week. **Page S4376**

150th Anniversary of the Signing of the First Morrill Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 502, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the First Morrill Act. **Pages S4376–77**

Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the

motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. **Page S4313**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 22, 2012. **Pages S4313–14**

Boiler MACT/EPA: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802 (c) on June 19, 2012, and Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units. **Pages S4314–34**

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

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S4334**

Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4334**

Adopted:

Manchin/Ayotte Amendment No. 2345, to require national dietary guidelines for pregnant women and children from birth until the age of 2. **Page S4334**

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 140), Merkley Amendment No. 2382, to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to provide crop insurance for organic crops under similar terms and conditions to crop insurance provided for other crops. **pages S4334–35**

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 143), Coburn Amendment No. 2293, to limit subsidies for millionaires. **Pages S4336–38**

Stabenow/Snowe Amendment No. 2453, to provide assistance for certain losses. **Page S4338**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 144), Kerry/Lugar Amendment No. 2454, to prohibit assistance to North Korea under title II of the Food for Peace Act unless the President issues a national interest waiver. **Pages S4338–39**

By 77 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 146), Udall (CO) Amendment No. 2295, to increase the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the designation of treatment areas. **Pages S4339–40**

Warner Modified Amendment No. 2457, to improve access to broadband telecommunication services in rural areas. **Pages S4341–43**

Stabenow (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2427, to support State and tribal government efforts to promote research and education related to maple syrup production, natural resource sustainability in the maple syrup industry, market promotion of maple products, and greater access to lands containing maple trees for maple-sugaring activities. **Page S4344**

Wyden Amendment No. 2388, to modify a provision relating to purchases of locally produced foods. **Pages S4344–45**

Boozman Amendment No. 2355, to support the dissemination of objective and scholarly agricultural and food law research and information. **Page S4345**

Wyden Amendment No. 2442, to establish a pilot loan program to support healthy foods for the hungry. **Pages S4345–46**

Leahy Amendment No. 2204, to support the State Rural Development Partnership. **Pages S4346–48**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2242, to amend section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 to revise the census data and population requirements for areas to be considered as rural areas for purposes of such Act. **Page S4348**

Klobuchar Amendment No. 2299, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on rural transportation issues. **Page S4350**

Stabenow (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 2195, to require a GAO report on crop insurance fraud. **Page S4351**

Stabenow (for Blunt) Amendment No. 2246, to assist military veterans in agricultural occupations. **Page S4351**

Stabenow (for Moran) Amendment No. 2403, to increase the minimum level of nonemergency food assistance. **Page S4351**

Stabenow (for Moran) Amendment No. 2443, to improve farm safety at the local level. **Page S4351**

Carper/Boozman Amendment No. 2287, to modify a provision relating to high-priority research and extension initiatives. **Pages S4351–52**

Sanders Amendment No. 2254, to improve the community wood energy program. **Pages S4352–53**

By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 154), Vitter/Blumenthal Modified Amendment No. 2363, to ensure that extras in films and television who bring personal, common domesticated household pets do not face unnecessary regulations and to prohibit attendance at an animal fighting venture. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S4351, S4353**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 155), Chambliss Amendment No. 2438, to establish highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance requirements for the Federal crop insurance program. **Pages S4353–54**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 157), Coburn/Durbin Amendment No. 2439, to limit the amount of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on behalf of any person or legal entity with an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000, with a delayed application of the limitation until completion of a study on the effects of the limitation. **Pages S4355–56**

Chambliss/Isakson Amendment No. 2340, to move the sugar import quota adjustment date forward in the crop year. **Page S4356**

Stabenow (for Bennet/Crapo) Amendment No. 2202, to improve agricultural land easements. **Pages S4357–59**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 141), DeMint Amendment No. 2273, to eliminate the authority of the Secretary to increase the amount of grants provided to eligible entities relating to providing access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas. **Pages S4335–36**

By 30 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 142), Coburn Amendment No. 2289, to reduce funding for the market access program and to prohibit the use of funds for reality television shows, wine tastings, animal spa products, and cat or dog food. **Page S4336**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 145), Kyl Amendment No. 2354, to prohibit assistance to North Korea under title II of the Food for Peace Act. **Page S4339**

By 21 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 147), Lee Amendment No. 2313, to repeal the forest legacy program. **Pages S4340–41**

By 15 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 148), Lee Amendment No. 2314, to repeal the conservation stewardship program and the conservation reserve program. **Pages S4343–44**

By 35 yeas to 63 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 149), Boozman Modified Amendment No. 2360, to provide for emergency food assistance. **Page S4346**

By 36 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 150), Toomey Amendment No. 2226, to eliminate biorefinery, renewable chemical, and biobased product manufacturing assistance. **Page S4348**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 151), Toomey Amendment No. 2433, to reform the sugar program. **Pages S4348–50**

By 29 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 152), Lee Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with a reduction in spending to 2008 levels so that overall spending shall not exceed \$714,247,000,000. **Pages S4350–51**

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 153), Johnson (WI) Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate after removing the title relating to nutrition and to report to the Senate as a separate bill the title related to nutrition. **Page S4352**

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 156), Thune Amendment No. 2437, to limit the amount of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on behalf of any person or legal entity with an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000, with a delayed application of the limitation until completion of a study on the effects of the limitation. **Pages S4354–55**

Chambliss Amendment No. 2432, to repeal mandatory funding for the farmers market and local food promotion program. **Page S4357**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the votes on the remaining amendments to the bill, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2012. **Page S4377**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

David Masumoto, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S4377**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on April 16, 2012. **Page S4377**

Messages from the House: **Page S4363**

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Record Votes: Nineteen record votes were taken today. (Total—157) **Pages S4334–36, S4338–40, S4344, S4346, S4348, S4350–56**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4377.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William B. Pollard III, of New York, and Scott L. Silliman, of North Carolina, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review, both of the Department of Defense, and 2,595 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING PROCESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the initial public offering process, focusing on ordinary investors, after receiving testimony from Ann E. Sherman, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; Joel H. Trotter, Latham and Watkins LLP, Washington, D.C.; Lise Buyer, Class V Group, LLC, Portola Valley, California; and Ilan Moscovitz, The Motley Fool, Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMERCIAL SPACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine risks, opportunities, and oversight of commercial space, focusing on industry trends, government challenges, and international competitiveness issues, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Colonel Pamela Melroy, USAF (Ret.), Director, Field Operations, Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Space