

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3240, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4379–4431*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3325–3336, and S. Con. Res. 49. **Pages S4417–18**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 250, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4417**

#### Measures Passed:

**Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act:** By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 164), Senate passed S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, by the order of the Senate of Monday, June 18, 2012, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4381–S4400**

#### Adopted:

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 162), Coburn Amendment No. 2214, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions, and to provide for the return of previously distributed funds for deficit reduction. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 18, 2012, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S4384–85**

Murray Modified Amendment No. 2455, to require the Office of Management and Budget, the President and the Department of Defense to submit

detailed reports to Congress on effects of defense and nondefense budget sequestration for fiscal year 2013. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S4385–88**

#### Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 158), Boxer Amendment No. 2456, of a perfecting nature. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 18, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4381–82**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 159), Johanns Amendment No. 2372, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from conducting aerial surveillance to inspect agricultural operations or to record images of agricultural operations. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 18, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S4382**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 160), Toomey Amendment No. 2247, to reduce unnecessary paperwork burdens on community water systems. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 18, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S4382**

By 26 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 161), Sanders/Boxer Amendment No. 2310, to permit States to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 18, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4383–84**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 163), Rubio Amendment No. 2166, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 18, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S4389**

A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Landrieu to change her yea vote to a nay vote on Vote No. 143 changing the outcome of the vote to 62 yeas to 37 nays relative to Coburn Amendment No. 2293 (adopted on June 20, 2012).

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**Church Plan Investment Clarification Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 33, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to specify when certain securities issued in connection with church plans are treated as exempted securities for purposes of that Act, and the bill was then passed.

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**Commending the Women of the American Red Cross:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 471, commending the efforts of the women of the American Red Cross Clubmobiles for exemplary service during the Second World War, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Collins) Amendment No. 2466, to amend the preamble.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued 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.

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

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 165), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill post-cloture at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, June 25, 2012; and at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, but no later than 5:30 p.m., the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be agreed to.

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#### House Messages:

**Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3187, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices, to

establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars, taking action of the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

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Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 2461, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 2462 (to Amendment No. 2461), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2463, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 2464 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2463), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 2465 (to Amendment No. 2464), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 21, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 25, 2012.

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**Rosenbaum Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; 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 nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William B. Pollard III, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review.

Scott L. Silliman, of North Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

31 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S4429–31**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—165) **Pages S4382–85, S4389, S4397–98, S4400**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4429.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense programs and policies to support military families with special needs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Karen Guice, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and Rebecca Posante, Deputy Director, Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs, both of the Department of Defense; John O'Brien, Director of Healthcare and Insurance, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Vera F. Tait, American Academy of Pediatrics, Chicago, Illinois; Geraldine Dawson, Autism Speaks, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Jeremy Hilton, Burke, Virginia.

### MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUND REFORMS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on money market mutual fund reforms, after receiving testimony from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Nancy Kopp, Maryland State Treasurer, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Association of State Treasurers; Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, Washington, D.C.; J. Christopher Donahue, Federated Investors, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Bradley Fox, Safeway, Inc., Pleasanton, California;

and David S. Scharfstein, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported:

H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina;

S. 1324, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species;

S. 1201, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States;

S. 2018, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship;

S. 3264, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program;

S. 2104, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act;

S. 3304, to redesignate the Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., in Washington, D.C., as the "William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building", to redesignate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 200 East Wall Street in Midland, Texas, as the "George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush United States Courthouse and George Mahon Federal Building", and to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue NE., Washington D.C., as the "Eliot Ness ATF Building";

H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse";