

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4645–S4687

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3342–3351, S. Res. 511–512, and S. Con. Res. 50. **Page S4674**

Measures Reported:

S. 2165, to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–179) **Page S4674**

Measures Passed:

Pacific Lutheran University Lutes Softball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 511, commending the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes Softball Team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Softball Championship. **Pages S4685–86**

100th Anniversary of Rice University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rice University. **Page S4686**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2237, to provide a temporary income tax credit for increased payroll and extend bonus depreciation for an additional year. **Pages S4645–68**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
 - 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- A routine list in the Department of State.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4686.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1897, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 2158, to establish the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway National Heritage Area, S. 2229, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, S. 2267, to reauthorize the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area, S. 2272, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 2273, to designate the Talkeetna Ranger Station in Talkeetna, Alaska, as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, S. 2286, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2316, to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at the Cape Cod National Seashore as the “Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center”, S. 2324, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Neches River in the State of Texas for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System, S. 2372, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, S. 3078, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install

in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day, and S. 3300, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, after receiving testimony from Herbert Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resources Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ingrid Kolb, Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy; Mayor Thomas L. Beehan, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on behalf of the Energy Communities Alliance; Warren Judge, Dare County Board of Commissioners, Manteo, North Carolina; and Derb S. Carter, Jr., Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Syria from national security briefers.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Fernando M. Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, who were both introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Malachy Edward Mannion, and Matthew W. Brann, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who were both introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health and benefits legislation, including S. 3340, to improve and enhance the programs and activities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding suicide prevention and resilience and behavioral health disorders for members of the Armed Forces

and veterans, S. 3336, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a major medical facility project lease for a Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic at Ewa Plain, Oahu, Hawaii, S. 3324, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the construction of facilities for temporary lodging in connection with the examination, treatment, or care of a veteran under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 3316, to require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program on providing veterans with access at One-Stop Centers to Internet websites to facilitate online job searches, S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, to improve health care furnished by the Department, S. 3309, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to homeless veterans, S. 3308, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the furnishing of benefits for homeless veterans who are women or who have dependents, S. 3282, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, S. 3270, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, S. 3238, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Mansfield, Ohio, as the David F. Winder Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, S. 3206, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., S. 3202, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, S. 3084, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration, S. 3052, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans, when such veterans electronically file claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, with notice that relevant services may be available to the veterans from veterans service organizations, S. 3049, to amend title 39, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the

laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2320, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to provide for the ongoing maintenance of Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Republic of the Philippines, S. 2259, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 2244, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist in the identification of unclaimed and abandoned human remains to determine if any such remains are eligible for burial in a national cemetery, S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, S. 1849, to require a five-year strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, S. 1806, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund, S. 1799, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, S. 1755, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, S.

1707, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, S. 1705, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Spokane, Washington, as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, S. 1631, to authorize the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of a center for technical assistance for non-Department health care providers who furnish care to veterans in rural areas, S. 1391, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and S. 1264, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, Portman, Ayotte, Wyden, Franken, and Heller; Madhulika Agarwal, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services, Veterans Health Administration, and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, William Schoenhard, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management, and Richard Hipolit, Assistant General Counsel, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, and Heather L. Ansley, VetsFirst, both of Washington, DC.; Mark T. Edney, American Urological Association Legislative Affairs Committee, Salisbury, Maryland; and Tracy Keil, Parker, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6029–6046; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 709–710 were introduced. **Pages H4155–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4157–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–552) and

H. Res. 708, relating to the consideration of House Report 112–546 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 706) authorizing the Committee on

Oversight and Government Reform to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas. **Page H4155**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nugent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4067**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4075**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, June 26th:

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvements Act of 2012: H.R. 4018, amended, to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. **Page H4079**