

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4348, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, Adjournment Resolution.

House passed H.R. 5972, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013.

House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4348, Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II.

House agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4731–S4782

Measures Introduced: Two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3362–3363, S. Res. 516–518, and S. Con. Res. 51. **Page S4773**

Measures Reported:

S. 2239, to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4773**

Measures Passed:

Pilot's Bill of Rights: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1335, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4733–35**

Reid (for Hutchison/Inhofe) Amendment No. 2489, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4733–35**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Pages S4764–65**

Highway Trust Fund: Senate passed H.R. 6064, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. **Page S4779**

United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act: Senate passed S. 2165, to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4779–80**

David F. Winder Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4780**

225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution of the United States: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 376, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States and recognizing the contributions of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S4780–81**

National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Surcharges: Senate passed S. 3363, to provide for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges. **Page S4781**

Veteran Skills to Jobs Act: Senate passed S. 2239, to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or

certification requirements for Federal licenses, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4781**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act—Cloture: 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.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, June 29, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 2:25 p.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, there be 10 minutes equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4765**

Conference Reports:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act—Conference Report: By 74 yeas to 19 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 172), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4348, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, by the order of the Senate of Friday, June 29, 2012, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after agreeing to the title amendment. **Pages S4751–64**

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

By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 169), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive paragraph 9, rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Subsequently, the point of order that the conference report has not been publicly available for 48 hours and violates paragraph 9, rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate fell.

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By 66 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive paragraph 3, rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Subsequently, the point of order that section 1538 of the conference report is a matter not committed by either House and violates rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate fell.

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By 63 yeas to 30 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 171), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolution, and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable sections of those Acts and applicable budget resolutions with respect to the conference report. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 311(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 fell.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, June 29, 2012 through Monday, July 9, 2012, the Majority Leader and Senator Cardin be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S4781**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S4781**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate completes its business on Friday, June 29, 2012, it adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, July 2, 2012, at 12 p.m.; Friday, July 6, 2012, at 12 p.m., and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, July 6, 2012, until 2 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2012, unless the Senate has received a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 51, which is the adjournment resolution, and if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate adjourn until Monday, July 9, 2012 at 2 p.m., under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 51. **Page S4782**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designations of Gibraltar and the Turks and Caicos Islands as

beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-53)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to add the Republic of Senegal to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-54)

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Fowlkes Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee; 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:

Kamilah Oni Martin-Proctor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2014.

Grande Lum, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Larry V. Hedges, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Deborah J. Jeffrey, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Sara A. Gelser, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2014.

Jamie A. Hainsworth, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Edward M. Alford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Piper Anne Wind Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Mark L. Asquino, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Susanna Loeb, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring March 15, 2016.

John S. Leonardo, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Patrick A. Miles, Jr., of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Douglas M. Griffiths, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Jay Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Susan Marsh Elliott, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2017.

Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2013.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—172) **Pages S4751–52, S4754–55, S4759**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 51, at 4:04 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Major Leader in today's Record on page S4782.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark J. Mazur, of New Jersey, and Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Meredith M. Broadbent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2178, to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2170, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act" to eliminate the provision preventing certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2234, to prevent human trafficking in government contracting, with an amendment;

S. 2239, to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 915, to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office, with an amendment.