

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy, Trade Agreements, and Negotiations: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senator Baucus, Senator Rockefeller, Senator Wyden, Senator Hatch, Senator Grassley. **Page S1826**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James J. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Deborah Kay Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to Libya.

James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2015.

Olga Viso, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018. **Page S1826**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Elissa F. Cadish, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2013. **Page S1826**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—35) **Pages S1741, S1773**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

March 14, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1826.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine sexual assaults in the military, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Robert S. Taylor, Acting General Counsel, Lieutenant General Dana K. Chipman, JAGC, USA, Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi, JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, JAGC, USAF, Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force, Major General Vaughn A. Ary, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Major General Gary S. Patton, USA, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, all of the Department of Defense; Rear Admiral Frederick J. Kenney, Jr., USCG, Judge Advocate General of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Anu Bhagwati, Service Women's Action Network, and Rebekah Havrilla, former Sergeant, United States Army, both of New York, New York; former Specialist BriGette McCoy, United States Army, Atlanta, Georgia; and Brian K. Lewis, former Petty Officer Third Class, United States Navy, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of Protect Our Defenders.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee began consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

STRATEGIC COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges, after receiving testimony from Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

COSTS AND IMPACTS OF CRISIS BUDGETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting, after receiving

testimony from Philip G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park; Scott D. Pattison, National Association of State Budget Officers, and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stan Soloway, Professional Services Council, Arlington, Virginia.

OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT FIVE YEARS LATER

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the “OPEN Government Act”, after receiving testimony from Melanie Ann Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Miriam Nisbet, Director of the Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Sean Moulton, Center for Effective Government, and Thomas Blanton, George Washington University National Security Archive, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin M. Goldberg, Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth, PLC, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the American Society of News Editors and the Sunshine in Government Initiative.

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans’ Affairs (VA) claims

process, focusing on a review of Veterans’ Affairs transformation efforts, including persisting challenges to timely processing, after receiving testimony from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Joseph Thompson, National Academy of Public Administration, Barton F. Stichman, National Veterans Legal Services Program, and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.

JAMAICAN PHONE FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors, after receiving testimony from Shawn Tiller, Deputy Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Inspection Service; Vance Callender, Operations Chief, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; William L. King, Jr., Chief Deputy, York County Sheriff’s Office, Alfred, Maine; Robert Romasco, and Doug Shadel, both of AARP, Washington, D.C.; Phil Hopkins, The Western Union Company, Englewood, Colorado; Kim Nichols, Hermon, Maine; and Sonia Ellis, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 1104–1147; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 23; and H. Res. 112, 114–116, were introduced. **Pages H1394–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1398–99**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 113, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 803) to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century (H. Rept. 113–16). **Page H1394**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1361**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1363**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 120 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 66. **Pages H1363–64, H1372–73**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:57 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. **Page H1371**

Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 890, to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 68. **Page H1373**

Rejected the Enyart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 67. **Pages H1382–84**