

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1827–S1872

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 560–583. **Page S1853**

Measures Reported:

S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, with amendments. **Page S1853**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 933, making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1829–37, S1837–49**

Adopted:

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 26), to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds to enforce the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule of the Environmental Protection Agency against farmers. **Pages S1829, S1837–40**

Rejected:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 36), Harkin/Cardin Amendment No. 53 (to Amendment No. 26), of a perfecting nature. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 13, 2013, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1829, H1832**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 37), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 66 (to Amendment No. 26), to temporarily freeze the hiring of nonessential Federal employees. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmatives votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1829–31, S1832**

Pending:

Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1829**

Toomey Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26), to increase by \$60,000,000 the amount ap-

propriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense for programs, projects, and activities in the continental United States, and to provide an offset. **Pages S1840–43, S1846–49**

Durbin Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 115), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1843–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adoption of Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 26) (listed above), the instruction line on the amendment be modified with the changes that are at the desk. **Page S1872**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the second-degree filing deadline be at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2013; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26 (listed above), be at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2013. **Page S1872**

Appointments:

World War I Centennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 112–272, appointed the following individuals to be members of the World War I Centennial Commission: Philip Peckman of Nevada, James Nutter, Sr. of Missouri. **Page S1872**

Budget Committee Reporting—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment or recess of the Senate, the Budget Committee be authorized to report legislative matters on Friday, March 15, 2013 from 11 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S1872**

Messages from the House: **Page S1852**

Measures Referred: **Page S1852**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S1852**

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1852–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1853–55**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S1855–63****Additional Statements:****Pages S1851–52****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S1863–72****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S1872****Privileges of the Floor: Page S1872****Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37) **Page S1832**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1872.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET: 2014

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2023.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan;

S. 25, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District;

S. 26, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project;

S. 112, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers;

S. 130, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming;

S. 157, to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska;

S. 222, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified

States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs;

S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs;

S. 244, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project;

S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, with an amendment;

S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway;

S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment;

S. 347, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, with an amendment;

S. 352, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers;

S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument;

S. 383, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 393, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and

S. 459, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine border security, focusing on measuring progress and addressing challenges, after receiving testimony Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, and Edward Alden, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.; and David A. Shirk, University