

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1644–1654, and S. Res. 286–287. **Pages S7829–30**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. Res. 253, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015. (S. Rept. No. 113–116) **Page S7829**

Measures Passed:

Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act: Senate passed H.R. 2747, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title. **Page S7834**

Congratulating Oracle Team USA: Senate agreed to S. Res. 286, congratulating Oracle Team USA for winning the 34th America's Cup. **Page S7834**

Congratulating the Boston Red Sox: Senate agreed to S. Res. 287, congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2013 World Series. **Page S7834**

Measures Considered:

Employment Non-Discrimination Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. **Pages S7804–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, Senate agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and begin consideration of the bill. **Page S7834**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7834.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WILDFIRES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources concluded a hearing to examine wildfires, after receiving testimony from Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Davey Pitcher, Wolf Creek Ski Area, Pagosa Springs, Colorado; Christopher Topik, The Nature Conservancy, Washington, D.C.; Tom Troxel, Intermountain Forest Association, Rapid City, South Dakota, on behalf of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition; and Sallie Clark, El Paso County Commissioner, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on protecting small lender access to the secondary mortgage market, including

S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, after receiving testimony from Richard Swanson, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Council of Federal Home Loan Banks; William A. Loving, Pendleton Community Bank, Franklin, West Virginia, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Bill Hampel, Credit Union National Association, Lorton, Virginia; Bill Cosgrove, Union Home Mortgage Corp., Madina, Ohio, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association; John Harwell, Apple Federal Credit Union, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and Jeff Plagge, Northwest Financial Corp., Spirit Lake, Iowa, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

METHANE EMISSIONS FROM OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Oversight concluded a hearing to examine methane emissions from oil and gas operations, after receiving testimony from Sarah Dunham, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Environmental Protection Agency; David Allen, University of Texas at Austin Cockrell School of Engineering; Mark K. Boling, Southwestern Energy Company, Houston, Texas; Vignesh Gowrishankar, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York; Darren Smith, Devon Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Dan Hill, Texas A&M University, College Station.

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Treaty Doc. 112-7),

after receiving testimony from Senators Ayotte and Kirk; Representative Duckworth; Tom Ridge, former Secretary of Homeland Security, and National Organization on Disability, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Dick Thornburgh, former Attorney General of the United States, and Susan Yoshihara, Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Timothy Meyer, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens; and Michael Farris, Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, Virginia.

ONLINE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the online Federal health insurance marketplace, focusing on enrollment challenges and the path forward, after receiving testimony from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

AMERICANS ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine if limiting the scope of civil discovery will diminish accountability and leave Americans without access to justice, after receiving testimony from Arthur R. Miller, New York University School of Law, and Sherrilyn Ifill, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., both of New York, New York; and Andrew Pincus, Mayer Brown LLP, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 62.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: To hold hearings to examine the "America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act" (America COMPETES), focusing on science and the United States economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine health insurance exchanges, focusing on an update from the Administration, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, and Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Business meeting to consider S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, S. 1611, to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans, S. 1499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the “Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office”, S. 1512, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”, and the nominations of William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to

hold hearings to examine the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Sandy one year later, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons and cost-effective strategies for reducing recidivism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Christopher Reid Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., and Edward G. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and M. Douglas Harpool, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, and Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: To hold hearings to examine transportation, focusing on independence for seniors, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will agree to the motion to proceed and begin consideration of S. 815, Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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