

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S35–S85*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1896, and S. Res. 329. **Pages S68–69**

**Measures Passed:**

*Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats. **Pages S81–82**

*Political Dialogue in Bangladesh:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political dialogue in Bangladesh. **Page S82**

*Expressing Support for the Ukrainian People:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union. **Pages S82–83**

*National Science and Technology Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, expressing support for the goals and ideals of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC and designating April 21 through April 27, 2014, as "National Science and Technology Week". **Page S83**

**Measures Considered:**

**Unemployment Benefits Extension—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits. **Pages S37–65**

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

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S39**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2014; and that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S83**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM—26) **Page S68**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2018.

Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

David B. Shear, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2019.

Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Paige Eve Alexander, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

33 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements**

**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total 2)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S83.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Syrian refugee crisis, after receiving testimony from Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Molly Groom, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Office of Policy, Office of Immigration and Border Security.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 3811–3816; 1 private bill, H.R. 3817; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 449–452 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H20–21**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles (H. Rept. 113–320) and

H.R. 3527, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–321).

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Cara Spaccarelli, Christ Church, Washington, DC.

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**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Melvin L. Watt, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina, effective January 6, 2014.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Watt, the whole number of the House is 432.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

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**Call of the House:** The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (316 present, Roll No. 1).

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**Resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:** Read a letter from Daniel J. Strodel, in which he submitted his resignation as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective at the close of business on January 6, 2014.

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**Electing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:** The House agreed to H. Res. 449, electing Ed Cassidy of the State of Connecticut as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives. Subsequently, Chief Administrative Officer-elect Ed Cassidy presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker.

**Pages H4–5**

**Committee to Notify the President of the Assembly of the Congress:** The House agreed to H. Res. 450, providing for a committee to notify the