

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2981–S3045

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2332–2340, and S. Res. 445. **Pages S3028–29**

Measures Reported:

S. 2076, to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. (S. Rept. No. 113–158)

S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–159)

S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–160)

S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–161)

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Measures Passed:

World AIDS Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3043–44**

Reid (for Coons) Amendment No. 3096, to make a technical correction. **Page S3043**

Reid (for Coons) Amendment No. 3097, to amend the preamble. **Pages S3043–44**

Expatriation Act of 1907: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 402, expressing the regret of the Senate for the passage of section 3 of the Expatriation Act of 1907 (34 Stat. 1228) that revoked the United States citizenship of women who married foreign nationals, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3044**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt

employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2984–93, S3018**

Pending:

Reid (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3060, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3018**

Reid Amendment No. 3089 (to Amendment No. 3060), to change the enactment date. **Page S3018**

Reid Amendment No. 3090 (to Amendment No. 3089), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3018**

Reid Amendment No. 3091 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3060), to change the enactment date. **Page S3018**

Reid Amendment No. 3092 (to Amendment No. 3091), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3018**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3093, to change the enactment date. **Pages S3018–19**

Reid Amendment No. 3094 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3093), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3019**

Reid Amendment No. 3095 (to Amendment No. 3094), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3060 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S3019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3060. **Page S3019**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Reid (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3060 and to the bill, be 1 p.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2014, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for

Wyden) Amendment No. 3060, be 3 p.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2014. **Pages S3044–45**

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 162, to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. **Pages S3019–20**

Fischer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S3019**

Marquez, Rayes, Soto, Caldwell, La Lime, Soto, and Costa Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, then begin consideration and vote on confirmation of the nominations of Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola; that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, at 1:45 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that following disposition of the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be expired, Senate resume legislative session and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Wyden)

Amendment No. 3060, in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 3474; provided further, that at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form, that any roll call votes, following the first in each series, be ten minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S3020**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 147), Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 144), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 148), John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 145), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 149), Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—149) Pages S2993–94, S3017–18

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3045.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine defense research and innovation, after receiving testimony from Alan R. Shaffer, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary for Defense Research and Engineering, Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, David E. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology, and Engineering, Rear Admiral Matthew L. Klunder, United States Navy, Chief of Naval Research, Mary J. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, and Terry M. Rauch, Director of Medical Research, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine strengthening oversight and integrity of the financial markets, focusing on fiscal year 2015 resource needs of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Mary Jo White, Chair, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Mark P. Wetjen, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

NUCLEAR REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear reactor decommissioning, focusing on stakeholder views, after receiving testimony from Michael Weber, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, Tribal, and Compliance Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Christopher Recchia, Vermont Public Service Department Commissioner, Montpelier; Donald Mosier, City of Del Mar Councilmember, Del Mar, California; and Geoffrey

H. Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., and Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Coburn, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director, both of the International Monetary Fund, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CHEMICAL FACILITIES ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine charting a path forward for the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, after receiving testimony from Suzanne E. Spaulding, Under Secretary, and David Wulf, Director, both of the National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Dana A. Shea, Specialist in Science and Technology Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Anna Fendley, United Steelworkers, and Tim Scott, The Dow Chemical Company, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council, both of Washington, DC.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the role of mitigation in reducing Federal expenditures for disaster response, after receiving testimony from David Miller, Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency