

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 679, Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 116, Expedited Senate Consideration of Certain Nominations, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4165–S4241

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1292–1304, S.J. Res. 23, and S. Res. 218–222. **Pages S4225–26**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 20, authorizing the limited use of the United States Armed Forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–27)

S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–28) **Page S4221**

Measures Passed:

Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act: By 79 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 101) Senate passed S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4174–81**

Adopted:

Portman Modified Amendment No. 509, to strike the provisions relating to the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Army, and the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Air Force, the chief financial officer positions, and the Controller of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S4174, S4176**

Toomey/Vitter Amendment No. 514, to strike the provision relating to the Governors and alternate governors of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment be considered

as having been adopted before the managers' amendment to the bill.) **Pages S4174, S4176, S4191–92**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 99), DeMint Amendment No. 501, to repeal the authority to provide certain loans to the International Monetary Fund, the increase in the United States quota to the Fund, and certain other related authorities, and rescind related appropriated amounts. (By the order of the Senate of Wednesday, June 22, 2011, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative, the amendment was not agreed to.)

Pages S4174, S4175–76

By 25 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 100), DeMint Amendment No. 511, to enhance accountability and transparency among various Executive agencies.

Pages S4174, S4176

Expedited Senate Consideration of Certain Nominations: By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 103), Senate agreed to S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S4181–S4209

Adopted:

Schumer Amendment No. 523, to add positions for expedited consideration. **Page S4208**

Rejected:

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 102), two-thirds of the Senate not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to Coburn Amendment No. 521, to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. **Pages S4189–91, S4206–08**

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

Chair sustained a point of order that Harkin (for Udall (NM)/Harkin) Amendment No. 522, to establish a majority vote threshold for proceeding to

nominations, was not relevant, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4201–06**

Tom Lantos Institute: Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the June 30, 2011, opening of the Tom Lantos Institute in Budapest, Hungary. **Page S4239**

Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on reaching the historic milestone of 100 years of serving local and international communities, maintaining a commitment to the betterment of mankind, and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States. **Pages S4239–40**

American Revolution Center: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, recognizing the American Revolution Center for its role in telling the story of the American Revolution and the continuing impact on struggles for freedom, self-government, and the rule of law throughout the world, and encouraging the Center in its efforts to build a new Museum of the American Revolution. **Page S4240**

Appointments:

U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group meeting to be held in Washington, DC, Tuesday, July 12, 2011:

Senator Chambliss. **Page S4241**

Finance Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet at 10 a.m., during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 30, 2011, and be permitted to meet beyond the two hour limit in Rule 26. **Page S4241**

Petraeus Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Thursday, June 30, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of David H. Petraeus, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that there be two hours for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S4240**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Thomas Owen Rice, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Gregory K. Davis, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S4241**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S4197**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4238–39**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4239**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—103) **Pages S4176–78, S4207–08**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4241.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,603 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

SWAP EXECUTION FACILITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the emergence of swap execution facilities, focusing on a progress report, after receiving testimony from Kevin McPartland, Tabb Group, Ben Macdonald, Bloomberg, LP, James Cawley, Javelin Capital Markets, Stephen Merkel, BGC Partners, Inc., and Chris Bury, Jefferies and Company, Inc., all of New York, New York; Neal B. Brady, Eris Exchange, LLC, Chicago, Illinois; and William Thum, Vanguard, Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine promoting broader access to public transportation for America's older adults and people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Lee Hammond, American Association of Retired Persons, Salisbury, Maryland; James Corless, Transportation for America, Washington, D.C.; Mary A. Leary, Easter Seals Transportation Group, Fairfax, Virginia; Steve Fittante, Middlesex County Area Transit, Phillipsburg, New Jersey; and Randal O'Toole, Cato Institute, Camp Sherman, Oregon.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine privacy and data security, focusing on protecting consumers in the modern world, after receiving testimony from Julie Brill, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Cameron F. Kerry, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Austin C. Schlick, General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission; Scott Taylor, Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California; Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA), Ioana Rusu, Consumers Union, and Thomas M. Lenard, Technology Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Tim Schaaff, Sony Network Entertainment International, Foster City, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, and Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, who was introduced by Representative Faleomavaega, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 473, to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Jennifer A. Di Toro, Donna Mary Murphy, and Yvonne M. Williams, all to be

an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

DIPLOMATIC SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security and its implications for United States diplomacy, and if expanded missions and inadequate facilities pose critical challenges to training efforts, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Susan Rockwell Johnson, American Foreign Service Association, Washington, D.C.

BARRIERS TO JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine barriers to justice and accountability, focusing on how the Supreme Court's recent rulings will affect corporate behavior, after receiving testimony from Andrew Pincus, Mayer Brown LLP, and Robert Alt, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Melissa Hart, University of Colorado School of Law Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, Boulder; James D. Cox, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina; and Betty Dukes, San Francisco, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gineen Maria Bresso, of Florida, Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, all to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 277, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune;

S. 572, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay;

S. 745, to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect certain veterans who would otherwise be subject to a reduction in educational assistance benefits;

S. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 914, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans; and

S. 951, to improve the provision of Federal transition, rehabilitation, vocational, and unemployment benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2011 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, 11 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine stakeholder perspectives on reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), focusing on deposit insurance, consumer protection, and financial stability, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an

oversight hearing to examine a review of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations replacing the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on a review of key issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the associated proposed Statements of Administrative Action, 3 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy in the Americas, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan reconstruction contracts, focusing on lessons learned and ongoing problems, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold hearings to examine S. 1262, to improve Indian education, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, July 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of David H. Petraeus, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 2 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.



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