

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6565–S6622

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1714–1726, and S. Res. 294–295. **Page S6600**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts.

H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, with amendments.

H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

S. 473, to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, with amendments.

S. 1014, to provide for additional Federal district judgeships, with amendments.

S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts.

S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties. **Page S6600**

Measures Passed:

Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act: Senate passed S. 1721, to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to extend the eligibility period for supplemental security income benefits for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants. **Pages S6590–91**

Pipeline Transportation Safety Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 275, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature

of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6613–20**

Reid (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 783, to include the statutorily required PAYGO language. **Page S6616**

Reid (for Paul) Amendment No. 784, to provide for testing to confirm the material strength of previously untested natural gas transmission pipelines located in certain areas, and to update fiscal year references. **Page S6616**

Chesapeake and Delaware Canal 182nd Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 294, commemorating the 182nd anniversary of the opening of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. **Pages S6620–21**

Day of the Deployed: Senate agreed to S. Res. 295, designating October 26, 2011, as "Day of the Deployed". **Page S6621**

Measures Considered:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, after withdrawing the committee reported amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6575–82, S6587–90**

Pending:

Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 738, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. **Page S6575**

Reid (for Webb) Amendment No. 750 (to Amendment No. 738), to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission. **Page S6575**

Kohl Amendment No. 755 (to Amendment No. 738), to require a report on plans to implement reductions to certain salaries and expenses accounts. **Pages S6577–82**

Cornyn Amendment No. 775 (to Amendment No. 738), to prohibit funding for Operation Fast and Furious or similar "gun walking" programs. **Page S6587**

Durbin (for Murray) Amendment No. 772 (to Amendment No. 738), to strike a section providing for certain exemptions from environmental requirements for the reconstruction of highway facilities damaged by natural disasters or emergencies.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 82 yeas 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 166), Cathy Bissoon, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Kamilah Oni Martin-Proctor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2014.

Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Grande Lum, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

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Messages from the House: Pages S6599–S6600

Measures Referred: Page S6600

Measures Read the First Time:
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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: Pages S6596–99

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6605–12

Notices of Intent: Page S6612

Privileges of the Floor: Pages S6612–13

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—166)
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6622.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office". Signed on October 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–38)

H.R. 1632, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office". Signed on October 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–39)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1078)

H.R. 771, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings

to examine pipeline safety since San Bruno and other recent incidents, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status of response capability and readiness for oil spills in foreign Outer Continental Shelf waters adjacent to United States waters, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine a review of the 2011 floods and the condition of the nation's flood control systems, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for charitable giving, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hear-

ings to examine the recession and older Americans, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11 and the anthrax attacks, focusing on protecting against biological threats, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the "Small Business Jobs Act of 2010", one year later, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, October 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2112, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.



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