

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1559–S1582*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2183–2187, and S. Res. 394. **Page S1576**

**Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. (S. Rept. No. 112–153) **Page S1576**

**Measures Passed:**

*Girl Scouts of the USA 100th Anniversary:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 310, designating 2012 as the “Year of the Girl” and congratulating Girl Scouts of the USA on its 100th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1580–81**

*Italian Unification 150th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 394, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Italian Unification and the beginning of warm and abiding relations between the people of the United States and Italy. **Page S1581**

**Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Senate resume consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, that the pending Roberts Amendment No. 1826 be modified with the changes that are at the desk, and that Senator Stabenow be permitted to modify Amendment No. 1812, with the changes that are at the desk; provided further, that at 12 p.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments listed under the previous order, and the following two amendments be the first amendments acted upon with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect: DeMint Amendment No. 1756; and Bingaman Amendment No. 1759. **Page S1573**

**Groh Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gina Marie Groh, of

West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

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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 on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. **Page S1569**

**Nuffer Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Gina Marie Groh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. **Page S1569 S**

**Fitzgerald Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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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 the nomination of David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S1569**

**Abrams Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S1569**

**Contreras Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rudolph

Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S1569**

**Du Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S1569**

**Morgan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Page S1569**

**Costa Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Page S1569**

**Guaderrama Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S1569–70**

**Wimes Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian C. Wimes, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

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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 the nomination of David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S1570**

**Baker Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kristine Gerhard Baker, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Brian C. Wimes, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. **Page S1570**

**Lee Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Kristine Gerhard Baker, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Page S1570**

**Russell Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of George Levi Russell, III, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S1570**

**Tharp Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John J. Tharp, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of George Levi Russell, III, of

Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S1570**

**Helmick Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of John J. Tharp, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S1570**

**Lewis Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S1570**

**Hillman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Timothy S. Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S1569**

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 the nomination of Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S1570**

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

Dorothea-Maria Rose, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Arthur Bienenstock, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Suravi Gangopadhyay, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2016.

Luis Herrera, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2014.

Suzanne E. Thorin, of New York, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2015.

Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2016.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Carla M. Leon-Decker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2017, which was sent to the Senate on October 20, 2011.

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**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S1576, S1581**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S1577**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S1577–80**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S1576**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1581.)

## *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 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in pro forma session.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D158)

H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code. Signed on March 8, 2012. (Public Law 112–98)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
MARCH 13, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* To hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Consultant's Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, both of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on safeguarding critical infrastructure information and the public's right to know, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

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**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 13 through March 16, 2012**

**Senate Chamber**

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and vote on or in relation to DeMint Amendment No. 1756 and Bingaman Amendment No. 1759, at 12 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to up to 20 amendments and passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

**Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 14, to hold hearings to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 14, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal onshore and offshore energy development programs in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 14, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 14, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

March 14, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SD–138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SH–219 following the open session, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 14, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

March 14, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management in review of the Department of Energy budget request for fiscal year 2013; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine issues in the prepaid card market, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 15, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, with the Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold joint hearings to examine strengthening the housing market and minimizing losses to taxpayers, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Consultant's Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 15, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine lessons from Fukushima one year later, focusing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 15, to hold hearings to examine Russia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession-implications for the United States, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, both of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Sudan and South Sudan, focusing on independence and insecurity, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, and Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, all of the Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 14, to hold hearings to examine Congress, focusing on reform proposals for the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 14, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine managing inter-agency nuclear nonproliferation efforts, focusing on if nuclear materials around the world are effectively secured, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian water rights, focusing on promoting the negotiation and implementation of water settlements in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on safeguarding critical infrastructure information and the public's right to know, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, 2:45 p.m., SD-226.

March 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 14, to hold hearings to examine ending homelessness among veterans, focusing on Veterans' Affairs progress on its five year plan, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and at 12 p.m., vote on or in relation to DeMint Amendment No. 1756, and Bingaman Amendment No. 1759. Following which, Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences. At 2:15 p.m., there will be several additional votes on amendments and passage of the bill.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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