

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S581–S619

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 293–299. **Page S614**

FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 223, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S586**

Pending:

Wicker Modified Amendment No. 14, to exclude employees of the Transportation Security Administration from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees and provide employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners. **Pages S586, S589–91**

Blunt Amendment No. 5, to require the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security to approve applications from airports to authorize passenger and property screening to be carried out by a qualified private screening company. **Page S586**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 34, to strike section 605. **Page S586**

Paul Amendment No. 21, to reduce the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal year 2011 to the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Administration for fiscal year 2008. **Page S586**

Rockefeller (for Wyden) Amendment No. 27, to increase the number of test sites in the National Airspace System used for unmanned aerial vehicles and to require one of those test sites to include a significant portion of public lands. **Page S586**

Inhofe Amendment No. 6, to provide liability protection to volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations that fly for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such nonprofit organizations. **Page S586**

Inhofe Amendment No. 7, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to

the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements be altered. **Page S586**

Rockefeller (for Ensign) Amendment No. 32, to improve provisions relating to certification and flight standards for military remotely piloted aerial systems in the National Airspace System. **Page S586**

McCain Amendment No. 4, to repeal the essential air service program. **Pages S592–95**

Rockefeller (for Leahy) Amendment No. 50, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, and to clarify the liability protection for volunteer pilots that fly for public benefit. **Pages S595–96**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, and that at 10:20 a.m., Senate proceed to consideration of the pending Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 34 (listed above); that there be 10 minutes of debate equally divided between Senators Nelson (FL) and Hutchison, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment with no intervening action or debate; that there be no amendments, motions or points of order to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S608**

Empowering States To Innovate Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 248, to allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Finance. **Page S619**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 12), Diana Saldana, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

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By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 13), Paul Kinloch Holmes III, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. **Pages S596–S600, S619**

Marco A. Hernandez, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—13) **Pages S599–S600**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S619.)

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 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Airport and Airway Trust Fund Reauthorization Act of 2011", 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider the Report on the Revised Sub-allocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2011, 4 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 3, No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, 4 p.m. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to hold a hearing and markup of a resolution directing certain standing committees to inventory and review existing, pending, and proposed regulations and orders from agencies of the Federal Government, particularly with respect to their effect on jobs and economic growth, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization: FAA Administrator, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 223, FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act, and vote on or in relation to Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 34, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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