

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3003–S3062

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1006–1017, and S. Res. 186–187. **Page S3052**

Measures Passed:

United States Army Field Artillery School 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, honoring the 100th anniversary of the United States Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. **Page S3061**

National Minority Health Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, supporting national minority health awareness in order to bring attention to the severe health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. **Pages S3061–62**

Measures Considered:

Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 940, to reduce the Federal budget deficit by closing big oil tax loopholes. **Pages S3013–39**

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3039**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that having failed to achieve 60-affirmative votes, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S3039**

Offshore Production and Safety Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the Outer Continental Shelf, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify the requirements for exploration. **Page S3013**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. **Page S3062**

Appointments:

President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, renewed by Executive Order 13446, reappointed the following members to the President's Export Council: Senator Crapo and Senator Cornyn. **Page S3062**

Liu Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S3039–40**

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 Thursday, May 19, 2011. **Pages S3040, S3062**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 71 yeas 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Susan L. Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S3005–13, S3062**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3046–47**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S3060–61**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—72) **Pages S3013, S3039**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3062.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Federal Railroad Administrator, and Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, AMTRAK, both of the Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND AND UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the United States Northern Command and the United States Southern Command from Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Commander, Northern American Aerospace Defense Command, and Commander, U.S. Northern Command, and General Douglas M. Fraser, USAF, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Fred P. Hochberg, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 516, to extend outer Continental Shelf leases to accommodate permitting delays and to provide operators time to meet new drilling and safety requirements, S. 843, to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Admiral Thad W. Allen (Ret.), United States Coast Guard, Department of Defense, Burke, Vir-

ginia; Nancy G. Leveson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Aeronautics and Astronautics Department, Cambridge; and W. Jackson Coleman, EnergyNorthAmerica, LLC, Washington, D.C.

FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financing 21st century infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Joseph Kile, Assistant Director, Microeconomic Studies, Congressional Budget Office; Edward G. Rendell, former Governor of Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Building America's Future; Matt Posner, Municipal Market Advisors, Chicago, Illinois; and Gabriel Roth, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF PAKISTAN AND THE REGION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategic implications of Pakistan and the region, after receiving testimony from General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC (Ret.), former National Security Advisor, McLean, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 618, to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 954, to promote the strengthening of the Haitian private sector;

S. Con. Res. 15, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming United States leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President's Global Health Initiative; and

The nominations of Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, Mara E. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, of California, and James A. Torrey, of Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Sim Farar, of California, and William J. Hybl, of Colorado, both to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine addressing the United States Postal Service's financial crisis, including a strategy needed to address the aging delivery fleet, after receiving testimony from Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Margaret Cigno, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission; Cliff Guffey, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mark Strong, National League of Postmasters, Phoenix, Arizona; and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., Middletown, Connecticut.

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening medical and public health preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Nicole

Lurie, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response, RADM, United States Public Health Service; Susan R. Cooper, Tennessee Department of Health Commissioner, Nashville; Colonel Robert P. Kadlec, USAF (Ret.), PRTM Management Consultants LLC, and Phyllis Arthur, Biotechnology Industry Organization, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael R. Anderson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Cleveland, Ohio.

IMPROVING BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine improving security and facilitating commerce at America's northern border and ports of entry, after receiving testimony from Alan Bersin, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and John Morton, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 50.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MAY 18, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the state of the securitization markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine contributions of space to national imperatives, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 220, to provide for the reforestation of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 322, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 382, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other permits, S. 427, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, S. 526, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range, S. 566, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 590, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, S. 607, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, S. 617, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah, S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, S. 667, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 729, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, S. 766, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, S. 896, to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture,

Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, and S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Administration priorities for Europe in the 112th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Cora B. Marrett, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, Martha Wagner Weinberg, of Massachusetts, Paula Barker Duffy, of Illinois, Cathy N. Davidson, of North Carolina, Constance M. Carroll, of California, and Albert J. Beveridge III, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Clyde E. Terry, of New Hampshire, and Janice Lehrer-Stein, of California, both to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, Judith A. Ansley, of Massachusetts, and John A. Lancaster, of New York, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Aaron Paul Dworkin, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and a routine list in the Public Health Service, Time to be announced, S-211, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Business meeting to continue consideration of S. 772, to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service, S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, and S. 792, to authorize the waiver of certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households since 2005, 9:45 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine improving efficiency and ensuring justice in the immigration court system, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on improving Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: To hold hearings to examine what dissidents need from the Internet, focusing on changes in technologies and social media platforms that enable dissidents to access information and to communicate, 2 p.m., 2218, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, Offshore Production and Safety Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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