

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1410–1413. **Pages S4868–69**

Measures Considered:

Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4865–66**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 531, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4865**

Reid Amendment No. 529, to change the enactment date. **Pages S4865–66**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 581, to cut spending, maintain existing commitments, and for other purposes. **Page S4866**

Reid Amendment No. 582 (to Amendment No. 581), to change the enactment date. **Page S4866**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 583, to change the enactment date. **Page S4866**

Reid Amendment No. 584 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 583) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4866**

Reid Amendment No. 585 (to Amendment No. 584), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4866**

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

Reid Amendment No. 532 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 531) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 531, was withdrawn. **Page S4865**

Reid Amendment No. 533 (to Amendment No. 532), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 532 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 531) of the motion to commit), fell. **Page S4865**

Reid Amendment No. 530 (to Amendment No. 529), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 529, fell. **Page S4865**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2011. **Page S4881**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report declaring a national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—15) **Pages S4867–68**

Engelmayer and Manglona Nominations—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. **Pages S4860–62**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the votes on confirmation of the nominations scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2011 be vitiated; that Senate continue consideration of the nominations at 12:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2011; that there be two minutes 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 of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Pages S4862, S4881**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 26 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 50 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.	Page S4881
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4881.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2631–2641; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 368–369, 371 were introduced. **Page H5488**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5489–90**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2587, to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–179);

H.R. 2445, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide States and local educational agencies with maximum flexibility in using Federal funds provided under such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–180); and

H. Res. 370, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1938) to direct the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–181).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Campbell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5401**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5402**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 108 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 631.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 368, Requesting return of official papers on H.R. 1309. **Page H5408**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998. **Page H5447**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. **Pages H5409–70**

Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, the amendment considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole is as follows: Strike section 427. **Page H5403**

Agreed to:

Simpson manager's amendment that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill and

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Richmond amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Ocean Energy Management by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 635). **Pages H5464–65, H5468–69**

Rejected:

Richmond amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund by \$10,617,000; **Pages H5465–66**

Moran amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Indian Health Facilities by \$18,663,000 (by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 632); **Pages H5443–45, H5466–67**

Huelskamp amendment that sought to reduce funding in various accounts by a total of \$3,000,231,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 126 yeas to 284 noes, Roll No. 633);

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Cleaver amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$3 million (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 634); and

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Hochul amendment that sought to reduce the amount in the Bureau of Land Management account available for the processing of applications for drilling permits by \$4,452,000 (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 636).

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H. Res. 363, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 131 noes, Roll No. 630, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Extending the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1383, to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification that an Executive Order was issued declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat that significant transnational criminal organizations pose to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–46).

Pages H5472–73

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5402.

Senate Referrals: S. 300 was referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5409, H5410,

H5466–67, H5467, H5468, H5468–69, H5469–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NORTH-AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1938, the “North-American-Made Energy Security Act.” The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Rep. Terry; Rep. Waxman; Rep. Hanabusa; and Rep. Kucinich.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 198, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 1154, the “Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act”; H.R. 1855, the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; H.R. 2530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of

State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Rep. Grimm; Rep. Carter; Rep. Walz of Minnesota; Rep. Bucshon; Robert L. Jesse, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and S. Roy Woodall, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, S. Res. 216, encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia, S. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of mainstream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 175, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hun-

gary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-06), and the nominations of Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine building a ladder of opportunity, focusing on what's working to make the American dream a reality for middle class families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine small business contracts, focusing on how oversight failures and regulatory loopholes allow large businesses to get and keep small business contracts, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine Federal workers' compensation program for injured employees, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the economic imperative for enacting immigration reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Ten Years After the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Current Status of Legal Authorities, Detention, and Prosecution in the War on Terror, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense investment in technology and capability to meet emerging security threats, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on total force readiness, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Redefining 'Fiduciary': Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Proposal on Workers and Retirees." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: An Overview of Risks to Critical Infrastructure." 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act"; and H.R. 1852, the "Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining Rental Purchase Agreements and the Potential Role for Federal Regulation." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "Impact of Monetary Policy on the Economy: A Regional Fed Perspective on Inflation, Unemployment, and QE3." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing on Eastern Europe: The State of Democracy and Freedom, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reassessing American Grand Strategy in South Asia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-

proliferation, and Trade, joint hearing on AFRICOM: Promoting Partnership for Global Security in Africa, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "The Last Line of Defense: Federal, State, and Local Efforts to Prevent Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism Within the United States." 10 a.m. in 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2572, the "Clean Up Government Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on H.R. 2497, the "Hinder the Administration's Legalization Temptation Act." 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?" 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following: H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1581, the "Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation." 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2587, the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act." 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled "The Merit Review Process: Ensuring Limited Federal Resources are Invested in the Best Science." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "How to Improve Operations and Implement Efficiencies for the United States Coast Guard." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Bosnia, focusing on obstacles to progress and recommendations for the international response, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:15 p.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years, with a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, at approximately 12:15 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 1323, Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit.

(Senate will recess following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 26

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1938—North American-Made Energy Security Act (Subject to a Rule).

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