

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8161–S8343

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1940–1946, and S. Res. 343. **Page S8183**

Measures Reported:

S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. (S. Rept. No. 112–98) **Page S8183**

Measures Passed:

Breast Cancer Research Stamp: Senate passed S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. **Page S8342**

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej 84th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 343, commemorating the 84th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011. **Page S8342**

Halligan Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, under the order of Thursday, December 1, 2011.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 221), Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S8167–78**

Andrew L. Carter, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S8167–78**

James Rodney Gilstrap, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Pages S8167–78**

Dana L. Christensen, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Pauline R. Maier, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2017.

Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Nicaragua.

William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2012.

Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2018.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S8343**

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

Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, which was sent to the Senate on April 14, 2011. **Page S8343**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—221) Page S8178

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, De-

ember 6, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8342.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3559–3562, were introduced. Page H8135

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H8135–36

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2369, to amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for an additional power for the American Legion under its Federal charter (H. Rept. 112–313) and

H.R. 2815, to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership (H. Rept. 112–314). Page H8135

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8127

Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H8128

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. Page H8128

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

Eliminating an unused lighthouse reservation: H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; Pages H8128–29

Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act: S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the

Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument; Pages H8129–30

Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act: H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas; Pages H8130–31

North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act: H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; Page H8131

Amending the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act: H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe; Pages H8131–32

Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act: S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah; and Pages H8132–33

Authorizing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470: S. Con. Res. 32, to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam. Pages H8133–34

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8128.

Quorum Calls Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FIGHTING MALARIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Fighting Malaria: Progress and Challenges.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-115, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the implementation of the “Wall Street Reform Act”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine contaminated drywall, focusing on examining the current health, housing and product safety issues facing homeowners, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of financial products, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine whistleblower protections for government contractors, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine access to the court, focusing on televising the Supreme Court, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Express Scripts/Medco merger, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1148, the “Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Hearing on Draft Legislative Proposal on Cybersecurity.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Jihadist Use of Social Media—How to Prevent Terrorism and Preserve Innovation.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2011.” 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011.” 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Next Great Observatory: Assessing the James Webb Space Telescope.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Federal Railroad Administration’s High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Program: Mistakes and Lessons Learned.” 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, December 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 12 p.m.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 6

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 1254—Synthetic Drug Control Act;

(2) H.R. 2405—Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act; (3) H.R. 3237—SOAR Technical Corrections Act; (4) H.R. 2297—To promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; (5) H.R. 313—Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act of 2011; (6) H.R. 2471—To amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet; (7) H.R. 1021—Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2011; (8) S.J. Res. 22—A joint resolution to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years, as amended; (9) S. 1639—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes; and (10) S. 1541—A bill to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership.

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