

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4109–S4161

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3288–3292. **Page S4151**

Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund.

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Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Reid Amendment No. 2393 (to Amendment No. 2392), to phase out the Federal sugar program. (By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 119), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4124–25**

Reid Amendment No. 2392 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2391), to empower States with programmatic flexibility and predictability to administer a supplemental nutrition assistance block grant program under which, at the request of a State agency, eligible households within the State may receive an adequate, or more nutritious, diet. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 120), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4124, S4125**

Pending:

Reid (for Stabenow/Roberts) Amendment No. 2389, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4124**

Reid Amendment No. 2390 (to Amendment No. 2389), to change the enactment date. **Page S4124**

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2391, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4124**

Reid Amendment No. 2406 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2391), to eliminate certain working lands conservation programs. **Pages S4126–27**

Reid Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2406), to convert all mandatory spending to discretionary spending subject to annual appropriations.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S4124–25**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4161.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine risk management, focusing on JPMorgan Chase, after receiving testimony from Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan Chase and Co., New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Sessions, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Jay Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Deborah J. Jeffrey, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, Larry V. Hedges, of Illinois, and Susanna Loeb, of California, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, and Kamilah Oni Martin-Proctor, of the District of Columbia, and Sara A. Gelser, of Oregon, both to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND
TRANSITION LEGISLATION**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic opportunity and transition legislation, including S. 3236, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the protection and enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, S. 3235, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require, as a condition on the receipt by a State of certain funds for veterans employment and training, that the State ensures that training received by a veteran while on active duty is taken into consideration in granting certain State certifications or licenses, S. 3233, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, S. 3210, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the treatment under contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs for small businesses owned by vet-

erans of small businesses after the death of a disabled veteran owner, S. 3179, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses with respect to mortgages, S. 3082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the National Veterans Support Network to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2299, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of civil relief to members of the uniformed services and to improve the enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of such members, S. 2246, to direct the Secretary of Labor to provide off-base transition training, S. 2241, to ensure that veterans have the information and protections they require to make informed decisions regarding use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, S. 2206, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide educational counseling to individuals eligible for educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary before such individuals receive such assistance, S. 2179, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, S. 2130, to direct the Secretary of Interior to establish a veterans conservation corps, S. 1859, to provide that section 3330a, 3330b, and 3330c of title 5, United States Code, relating to administrative and judicial redress and remedies for preference eligibles, shall apply with respect to the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, S. 1852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, S. 1798, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure, S. 1634, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval and disapproval of programs of education for purposes of educational benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 1314, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish minimum funding levels for States for the support of disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives, and S. 1184, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small

business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, after receiving testimony from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and Peter Meijer, Student Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED ILLNESS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowering patients and honoring individual's choices, focusing on lessons in improving care for individuals with advanced illness, after receiving testimony from Vincent Mor, Brown University Warren Alpert School of Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island; Gail Austin Cooney, Hospice of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida; Karren Weichert, Midland Care Connection, Inc., Topeka, Kansas; and Albert Gutierrez, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, Indiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2012 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies and Financial Services and General Government, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine competitiveness and collaboration between the United States and China on clean energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine Medicare physician payment policy, focusing on lessons from the private sector, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc.

103-39), focusing on perspectives from the United States military, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-39), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine saving taxpayer dollars by curbing waste and fraud in Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold an oversight hearing to examine new taxes on tribal self-determination, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 250, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, and the nomination of Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, June 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 3240, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.



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