

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4835–S4918

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3370–3376 and S.J. Res. 47. **Pages S4892–93**

Measures Passed:

Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act: Senate passed H.R. 3001, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust. **Page S4916**

Veteran Skills to Jobs Act: Senate passed H.R. 4155, to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses. **Page S4916**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2237, to provide a temporary income tax credit for increased payroll and extend bonus depreciation for an additional year, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4835–85**

Pending:

Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2521, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4884**

Reid Amendment No. 2522 (to Amendment No. 2521), to change the enactment date. **Page S4884**

Reid Amendment No. 2523 (to Amendment No. 2522), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4884**

Reid Amendment No. 2524 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2521), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4884**

Reid Amendment No. 2525 (to Amendment No. 2524), to change the enactment date. **Pages S4884–85**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2526, to change the enactment date. **Page S4885**

Reid Amendment No. 2527 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2526), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4885**

Reid Amendment No. 2528 (to Amendment No. 2527), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4885**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2521 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 13, 2012. **Page S4884**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2521 (listed above). **Page S4885**

Bring Jobs Back to America: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3364, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America. **Pages S4885–86**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the issuance of an Executive Order modifying the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–55) **Pages S4890–91**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dorothy Kosinski, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4916.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare physician payments, focusing on perspectives from physicians, after receiving testimony from Ardis D. Hoven, American Medical Association, Lexington, Kentucky; Glen Stream, American Academy of Family Physicians, Spokane, Washington; Frank Opelka, American College of Surgeons, New Orleans, Louisiana; W. Douglas Weaver, American College of Cardiology, Detroit, Michigan; and Barbara McAneny, New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants, Albuquerque, on behalf of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of Homeland Security, focusing on evolving and emerging threats, after receiving testimony from Michael V. Hayden, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency, on behalf of the Chertoff Group, and Frank J. Cilluffo, George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Brian Michael Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; and Stephen E. Flynn, Northeastern University George J. Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security, Boston, Massachusetts.

STANDARD ESSENTIAL PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact on competition of exclusion orders to enforce standard-essential patents, after receiving testimony from Joseph F. Wayland, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Edith Ramirez, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas M. Durkin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Coons, and Jon S. Tigar, and William H. Orrick III, of the District of Columbia, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who were both introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6098–6105, were introduced. **Page H4827**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4828**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 3674, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to cybersecurity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–592, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3862, to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in

accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–593); and

H.R. 1996, to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, with respect to the award of fees and other expenses in cases brought against agencies of the United States, to require the Administrative Conference of the United States to compile, and make publicly available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–594). **Page H4827**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4786**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi David Algaze, Havurat Yisrael Synagogue, Forest Hills, New York. **Page H4786**

National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, by a yeand-nay vote of 245 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 461, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H4791–96, H4809**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H4806**

Repeal of ObamaCare Act: The House passed H.R. 6079, to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, by a recorded vote of 244 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 460. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 10th. **Pages H4796–H4806, H4806–08**

Rejected the Andrews motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeand-nay vote of 180 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 459.

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H. Res. 724, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, July 10th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he reported to the Congress that he has issued an Executive Order that modifies the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997 with respect to the Government of Burma—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–123). **Pages H4810–11**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4807–08, H4808, and H4809. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee began markup of H.R. 6083, the “Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act”.

FUTURE OF U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “The Future of U.S. Special Operations Forces”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA’S EFFORTS TO ENSURE MARKET INTEGRITY IN THE RENEWABLE FUELS PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “RIN Fraud: EPA’s Efforts to Ensure Market Integrity in the Renewable Fuels Program”. Testimony was heard from Byron Bunker, Acting Director, Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

HELPING VETERANS WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN SERVICE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Helping Veterans with Emergency Medical Training Transition to Civilian Service”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF DODD-FRANK’S HOME MORTGAGE REFORMS: CONSUMER AND MARKET PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Dodd-Frank’s Home Mortgage Reforms: Consumer and Market Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA AND THE DEADLINE TO PROVIDE EXPEDITED SCREENING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Has TSA Met the Deadline to Provide Expedited Screening to Military Service Members?”. Testimony was heard from Christopher McLaughlin, Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Todd Rosenblum, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense

and Americas' Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY LEAKS AND THE LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "National Security Leaks and the Law". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 3641, the "Pinnacles National Park Act"; H.R. 4100, the "Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2011"; H.R. 4484, the "Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act"; H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; and H.R. 5987, the "Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act". The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3641; H.R. 4484; and H.R. 4606. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4100; H.R. 5958; and H.R. 5987.

IS FMCSA'S CSA PROGRAM DRIVING SMALL BUSINESSES OFF THE ROAD?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Is FMCSA's CSA Program Driving Small Businesses Off the Road?". Testimony was heard from Bill Bronrott, Deputy Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 5948, the "Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012"; H.R. 5747, the "Military Family Home Protection Act"; and H.R. 4057, the "Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012". The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4057; H.R. 5747; and H.R. 5948.

Joint Meetings

INTERNATIONAL EXTRADITION NORMS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine international extradition norms and their impact on United States victims of international fugitives, focusing on the case of George Wright and factors that impede or

prevent extradition of criminals in the United States, concerns the United States may have regarding extradition requests from other countries, and how the United States might work to advance justice in this process, after receiving testimony from Jonathan M. Winer, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.; and R. J. Gallagher, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent, Department of Justice, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine medication and performance enhancing drugs in horse racing, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine remediation of Federal legacy wells in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the latest science on lead's impacts on children's development and public health, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Treaty Doc. 112-7), 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David Bruce Wharton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine creating positive learning environments for all students, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the future of Homeland Security, focusing on the evolution of the Homeland Security Department's roles and missions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition, focusing on political and legal relationship between governments, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, S. 1744, to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve

the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons, S. 3276, to extend certain amendments made by the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, and the nominations of Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jesus G. Bernal, and Fernando M. Olguin, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Malachy Edward Mannion, and Matthew W. Brann, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force aircraft force structure reductions”, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations joint hearing, discussion draft on “No More Solyndras Act”; and “Smart Energy Act”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “The renewal of the Federal Trade Commission’s authority to combat cross-border spam, spyware and fraud through reauthorization of the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Securing Ammonium Nitrate: Using Lessons Learned in Afghanistan to Protect the Homeland from IEDs”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon. This hearing will begin as an open hearing and move to a closed hearing in HVC-302.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Clearing the Way for Jobs and Growth: Retrospective Review to Reduce Red Tape and Regulations”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Spurring Economic Growth and Competitiveness Through NASA Derived Technologies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Sinking the Marine Industry: How Regulations are Affecting Today’s Maritime Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. The filing deadline for amendments to Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2521 to S. 2237, Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act, is at 1 p.m.

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Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4402—National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012 (Subject to a Rule).

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