

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5051–S5092

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3389–3395. **Pages S5084–85**

Measures Reported:

S. 1201, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 112–187)

S. 1324, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species. (S. Rept. No. 112–188) **Page S5084**

Measures Passed:

HEARTH Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5057**

Yellow Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing Bonding: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 483, commending efforts to promote and enhance public safety on the need for yellow corrugated stainless steel tubing bonding, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5090**

Measures Considered:

DISCLOSE Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3369, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities. **Pages S5051–72**

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

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 180), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5072**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5072**

Bring Jobs Home Act—Cloture: 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 S5072–82**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 19, 2012. **Page S5072**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–56) **Page S5084**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bidtah N. Becker, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2018.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—180) Page S5072

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5090.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, focusing on two years later, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission; Robert Pickel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Thomas J. Erickson, Bunge North America, Inc., on behalf of the Commodity Markets Council, and Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., all of Washington, DC; and Larry Thompson, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, New York, New York.

FLAMMABILITY OF UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine if consumers are adequately protected from flammability of upholstered furniture, focusing on the effectiveness of furniture flammability standards and flame retardant chemicals, after receiving testimony from Inez M. Tenenbaum, Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; James J. Jones, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; August Schaefer,

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., Northbrook, Illinois; Andy Counts, American Home Furnishings Alliance, High Point, North Carolina; and Peter Van Dorpe, Chicago Fire Department District Chief, Chicago, Illinois.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ELECTRIC GRID CYBER ATTACKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of action taken to ensure that the electric grid is protected from cyber attacks, after receiving testimony from Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gerry Cauley, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; and Todd A. Snitchler, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Columbus.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next ten years in the fight against human trafficking, focusing on attacking the problem with the right tools, after receiving testimony from Jada Pinkett Smith, Don't Sell Bodies, Los Angeles, California; and David S. Abramowitz, Humanity United, and Holly J. Burkhalter, International Justice Mission, both of Washington, DC.

MONEY LAUNDERING, DRUGS, AND TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine United States vulnerabilities to money laundering, drugs, and terrorist financing, focusing on HSBC case history, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, and Grace E. Dailey, former Deputy Comptroller for Large Banks Supervision, all of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, all of Department of the Treasury; Leigh H. Winchell, Assistant Director for Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; David Bagley, and Stuart Levey, both of London, England, and Paul Thurston, of Hong

Kong, People's Republic of China, all of HSBC Holdings plc; and Irene Dorner, HSBC Bank USA and HSBC North America Holdings, Inc., Michael Gallagher, and Chiu Hon Lo, all of New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 6131–6136; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 132–133; and H. Res. 731–732 were introduced. **Pages H4906–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4907–08**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4377, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–596, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop, maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–597);

H.R. 4400, to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at Cape Cod National Seashore as the “Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–598);

H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–599);

H.R. 3706, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–600);

H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–584, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3404, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Re-

sources Revenue, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–601);

H.R. 3397, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–602);

H.R. 3388, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–603);

H.R. 3210, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to limit the application of that Act with respect to plants and plant products that were imported before the effective date of amendments to that Act enacted in 2008, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–604);

H.R. 2489, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–605);

H.R. 4043, to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish Southern Sea Otter Military Readiness Areas for national defense purposes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–606, Pt. 1); and

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H.R. 459, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–607), Pt. 1).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4871**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4871**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H4873**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Haqqani Network Terrorist Designation Act: S. 1959, amended, to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization; **Pages H4873–75**

Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2013: H.R. 6018, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 61 nays, Roll No. 469; **Pages H4875–84, H4892–93**

United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012: S. 2165, to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel; and **Pages H4884–88**

Insular Areas Act: S. 2009, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 470. **Pages H4888–92**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4892**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, and of all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H4893**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–124). **Pages H4872–73**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H4871 and H4892.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4893 and H4893–94. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on Federal

Government Perspectives Regarding Alternative Fuels and Vehicles”. Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration; Margo Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Environmental Protection Agency; and Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy.

DIAGNOSING AND MANAGING LYME DISEASE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Global Challenges in Diagnosing and Managing Lyme Disease—Closing Knowledge Gaps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the global competitiveness of the United States Aviation Industry, focusing on addressing competition issues to maintain United States leadership in the aerospace market, 3 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider Enforcing Orders and Reducing Customs Evasion (ENFORCE) Act, citrus, cotton, and wool trust funds, African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) amendments, Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA–DR) technical corrections, and Burma sanctions, and Russia Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) and Moldova PNTR, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine to examine the nominations of Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, John M. Koenig, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Michael David Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Greta Christine Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine improving the transparency of Federal spending, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the census, focusing on planning ahead for 2020, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine improving forensic science in the criminal justice system, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, to hold hearings to examine what facial recognition technology means for privacy and civil liberties, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas Skerik Sowers II, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine Medicare and Medicaid coordination for dual-eligibles, 2 p.m., SH-216.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine prescription drug abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, markup of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on disclosures of national security information and impact on military operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing on Sequestration Implementation Options and the Effects on National Defense: Industry Perspectives, 10:10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Withdrawal from Afghanistan: Historical Lessons, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Keeping College Within Reach: Exploring State Efforts to Curb Costs", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Using Innovation to Reform Medicare Physician Payment", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on discussion draft of the "U.S. Agricultural Sector Relief Act of 2012"; and the "Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, begin markup of the following: the "U.S. Agricultural Sector Relief Act of 2012"; the "Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012"; and the "No More Solyndras Act", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary policy and the state of the economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup of H.R. 6040, to approve the Agreement providing terms for a continuation of the free asso-

ciation between the United States and Palau, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "A Decade After 9/11 Could American Flight Schools Still Unknowingly Be Training Terrorists?", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled "The International Trade Commission and Patent Disputes", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 110, an Amendment to the Constitution Concerning Parental Rights and Education, 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 6062, the "Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2012"; H.R. 3796, the "Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2012"; and H.R. 3803, the "District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6082, the "Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "The Administration's Bet of Abound Solar: Assessing the Costs to the American Taxpayers", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled "Taking Care of Our Veterans: What is the Department of Veterans Affairs Doing to Eliminate the Claims Backlog?", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Digital Divide: Expanding Broadband Access to Small Businesses", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled "A Review of the FAA's Contract Tower Program", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Invisible Wounds: Examining the Disability Compensation Benefits Process for Victims of Military Sexual Trauma", 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the escalation of violence against Coptic women and girls in Egypt, 2 p.m., Room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 5872—Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012, under suspension of the Rules. Begin consideration of H.R. 5856—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2013.

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