

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2511–S2569

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 692–702, S. Res. 95, and S. Con. Res. 12. **Page S2564**

Measures Passed:

National Lineman Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 95, recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect the public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day. **Page S2569**

Measures Considered:

Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 649, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale. **Pages S2512–42, S2547–51**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2013; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to ten minutes, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2569**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2014; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986;

which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM–7) **Pages S2559–62**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 94), Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S2542–47, S2569**

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Measures Referred: **Page S2562**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—94) **Page S2547**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2569.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Manchin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

AMERICAN FREIGHT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding the Panama Canal, focusing on what it means for American freight and infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Jeff Kever, Virginia Port Authority, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Norfolk; John Vickerman, Vickerman and Associates, Williamsburg, Virginia; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, DC; and Philip L. Byrd, Sr., Bulldog Hiway Express, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of The American Trucking Associations.

INTELLIGENCE UPDATE ON SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria from national security briefers.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine border security, focusing on frontline perspectives on progress and remaining challenges, after receiving testimony from Randolph Alles, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine, Michael J. Fisher, Chief, United States Border Patrol, and Kevin McAleenan, Acting Deputy Commissioner, all of United States Customs and Border Protection, and James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 689, Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act of 2013, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jenny R. Yang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

INDIAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine identifying barriers to Indian housing development and finding solutions, after receiving testimony from Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Cheryl A. Causley, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, DC; Annette Bryan, Puyallup Nation Housing Authority, Tacoma, Washington; Paul Iron Cloud, Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and Russell Sossamon, Choctaw National Housing Authority, Durant, Oklahoma.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TAX-RELATED IDENTITY THEFT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax-related identity theft, focusing on an epidemic facing seniors and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Keneally, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Sal Augeri, Tampa Police Department, Tampa, Florida; and Marcy Hossli, Palm Beach, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1454–1482; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29–30; and H.Res. 145, 147–150 were introduced. **Pages H1908–09**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1910–12

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 146, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1120) to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues