

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S35–S85

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1896, and S. Res. 329.

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Measures Passed:

Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats.

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Political Dialogue in Bangladesh: Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political dialogue in Bangladesh.

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Expressing Support for the Ukrainian People: Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovych's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union. **Pages S82–83**

National Science and Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, expressing support for the goals and ideals of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC and designating April 21 through April 27, 2014, as "National Science and Technology Week". **Page S83**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Benefits Extension—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits.

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

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2014; and that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM—26)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2018.

Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

David B. Shear, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2019.

Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Paige Eve Alexander, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

33 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps. **Pages S83–85**

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Additional Statements

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S70–81**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S81**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total 2) **Page S39**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S83.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Syrian refugee crisis, after receiving testimony from Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Molly Groom, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Office of Policy, Office of Immigration and Border Security.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3811–3816; 1 private bill, H.R. 3817; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 449–452 were introduced. **Pages H19–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H20–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles (H. Rept. 113–320) and

H.R. 3527, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–321). **Page H19**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Cara Spaccarelli, Christ Church, Washington, DC. **Page H3**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Melvin L. Watt, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina, effective January 6, 2014. **Page H3**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Watt, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H3**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H3**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (316 present, Roll No. 1). **Pages H3–4**

Resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Daniel J. Strodel, in which he submitted his resignation as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective at the close of business on January 6, 2014. **Page H4**

Electing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 449, electing Ed Cassidy of the State of Connecticut as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives. Subsequently, Chief Administrative Officer-elect Ed Cassidy presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. **Pages H4–5**

Committee to Notify the President of the Assembly of the Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 450, providing for a committee to notify the

President of the assembly of the House of Representatives. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Cantor and Pelosi to the committee.

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Notifying the Senate That a Quorum of the House Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 451, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

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Meeting Hour: The House agreed to H. Res. 452, providing for the hour of meeting of the House.

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Morning Hour Debate: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 3, 2013, providing for Morning Hour Debate, be extended for the remainder of the 113th Congress, except that H. Res. 452 shall supplant H. Res. 9 and the Speaker may dispense with Morning Hour Debate upon receipt of a notification described in clause 12(c) of rule I and notify Members accordingly.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, as well as his written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement concerning the Agreement—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–86).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 1) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H4.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held

a hearing entitled “The United States Government Accountability Office September 2013 Report—Compact of Free Association Micronesia and the Marshall Islands Continue to Face Challenges Measuring Progress and Ensuring Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Nikolao I. Pula, Jr., Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on government support for bank holding companies, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John P. Carlin, of New York, and Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, James D. Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Nancy J. Rosenstengel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and Indira Talwani, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2279, the “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013”; H.R. 3362, the “Exchange Information Disclosure Act”; and legislation regarding the “Health Exchange Security and Transparency Act of 2014”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, January 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1845, Unemployment Benefits Extension, post-cloture.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, January 8

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: (1) H.R. 724—To amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles; (2) H.R. 3527—Poison Center Network Act; and (3) H.R. 3628—Transportation Reports Elimination Act of 2013.

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