

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S189–S265

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1899–1912. **Page S223**

Measures Passed:

Assisting United States Civilian Robert Levinson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, urging the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S259**

Reid (for Nelson) Amendment No. 2638, to amend the preamble. **Page S259**

Reid (for Nelson) Amendment No. 2639, to amend the title. **Page S259**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Benefits Extension—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S203–09**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631, relating to extension and modification of emergency unemployment compensation program. **Page S204**

Reid Amendment No. 2632 (to Amendment No. 2631), to change the enactment date. **Page S204**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 9, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S259–60**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. **Page S204**

Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633), of a perfecting nature. **Page S204**

Reid Amendment No. 2635 (to Amendment No. 2634), of a perfecting nature. **Page S204**

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 Reed) Amendment No. 2631. **Page S204**

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

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 3), Senate failed to table Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. **Page S209**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to the bill be 3 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, and the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 (listed above) be 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014; and that following disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631. **Pages S259–60**

Wilkins Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S209–11**

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

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S209**

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S209**

By 55 yeas to 38 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 6), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Deborah L. Bix, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Michael W. Kempner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Heidi Neel Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2017.

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Westley Watende Omari Moore, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

43 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—6) Pages S209–10

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, Janu-

ary 13, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense, and Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security.

SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in South Sudan, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Princeton N. Lyman, U.S. Institute of Peace, John Prendergast, Enough Project, and Kate Almqvist Knopf, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gary Blankinship, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, Robert L. Hobbs, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, Amos Rojas, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, Peter C. Tobin, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, Kevin W. Techau, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and Andrew Mark Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, all of the Department of Justice.

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: 17 public bills, H.R. 3824–3840; and 2 resolutions, 105; H. Con. Res. 73 were introduced. **Pages H134–35**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H135–36**

Report Filed: A report was filed on January 2, 2014 as follows:

Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Ethics for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, First Session (H. Rept. 113–323).

A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2952, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–324).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H75**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H83**

Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 2279, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to review of regulations under such Act and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 relating to financial responsibility for classes of facilities, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 10.

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Rejected the Peters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 9.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–30 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Rejected:

Sinema amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–322) that sought to strike language that would expand eligibility for the National Priorities List (NPL) in Section 204, which is overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency. Would reinstate language that directs listing of the “highest priority facilities” for cleanup (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 7) and

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Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–322) that sought to block implementation of the bill if any provision would increase litigation, reduce funds available for cleaning up contaminated sites, or that would delay clean up of contaminated sites (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 8). **Pages H107–08, H109**

H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2279), (H.R. 3362), and (H.R. 3811), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 6, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 5. **Pages H94–96**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Ben Garrido Blaz, former Member of Congress. **Page H112**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H87.

Senate Referral: S. 1171 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary. **Page H87**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H95–96, H96, H108, H109, H110–11 and H111–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXTENDERS POLICIES: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW SHOULD THEY CONTINUE UNDER A PERMANENT SGR REPEAL LANDSCAPE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Extenders Policies: What Are They and How Should They Continue Under a Permanent SGR Repeal Landscape?”. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Diane Rowland, Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; Michael Lu, Associate Administrator Maternal and Child Health Bureau Health Resources and Services Administration; Naomi Goldstein, Director Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families.

INTERNATIONAL IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S QUANTITATIVE EASING PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “International Impacts of the Federal Reserve’s

Quantitative Easing Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Will there be an African Economic Community?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.R. 7, the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S WAR ON COAL: THE RECENT REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Obama Administration’s War on Coal: The Recent Report by the Office of the Inspector General”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Knox, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Interior.

WASTE IN GOVERNMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Waste in Government: What’s Being Done?”. Testimony was heard from Senators Carper and Coburn; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE STUDENTS IN STEM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Private Sector Programs that Engage Students in STEM”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D11)

H.R. 3304, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for

award of the Medal of Honor. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–66)

H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–67)

H.R. 623, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–68)

H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–69)

H.R. 2319, to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–70)

H.R. 3343, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–71)

H.R. 3487, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–72)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Science Behind Discovery: Seismic Exploration and the Future of the Atlantic OCS”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for December 2013, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, January 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1845, Unemployment Benefits Extension. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill is 3 p.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 to the bill, is 4:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 to S. 1845, Unemployment Benefits Extension.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 3362—Exchange Information Disclosure Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3811—Health Exchange Security and Transparency Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule).

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