

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S493–S555

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1965–1968, and S. Res. 340. **Page S528**

Measures Reported:

S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–136) **Page S527**

Measures Passed:

Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act: Senate passed S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2701, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S546–54**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a bill from the House of Representatives that is identical to the text of S. 1302, then the House bill be read three times and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

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Catholic Schools Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 334, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers. **Pages S495–S516**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, all post-cloture time be yielded back and the motion to proceed to the bill be agreed to; that after the bill is reported, the following amendments be agreed to: Hagan Amendment No. 2702; Rubio Amendment No. 2704; King Amendment No. 2705; and Blunt Amendment No. 2698; and the amended text be considered as original text for the purposes of further amendment; that the only other amendments in order be the following: Reed Amendment No. 2703; Coburn Amendment No. 2697; Merkley Amendment No. 2709; Heller Amendment No. 2700; Whitehouse Amendment No. 2706; Toomey Amendment No. 2707; and Gillibrand Amendment No. 2708; that no second-degree amendments be in order to any of these amendments prior to votes in relation to the amendments; that it be in order for Senator Toomey to modify his amendment with the text of Rubio Amendment No. 2704 and Hagan Amendment No. 2702; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided on each amendment or motion to waive a budget point or order, if made; that there be up to one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided between proponents and opponents; that amendments in this agreement must be offered prior to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014; that it be in order for Senator Crapo, or designee, to raise a budget point of order against the bill; that if such a point of order is raised, Senator Menendez, or designee, be recognized to move to waive the point of

order; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to waive, if made; that if the motion to waive is agreed to, Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the order listed; that upon the disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S555**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House to escort President Obama into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. **Page S554**

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

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January 28, 2014; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM-27) **Pages S521-26**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S555.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary

of the Army, William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and 1,096 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

MILITARY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent changes to the United States military retirement system, after receiving testimony from Christine H. Fox, Acting Deputy Secretary, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; General John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Master Sergeant Richard J. Delaney, USAF (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, and David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analyses, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and General Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), Association of the United States Army, Arlington, Virginia.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Fred P. Hochberg, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

CRITICAL MINERALS POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1600, to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, after receiving testimony from David Danielson, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Lawrence D. Meinert, Mineral Resources Program Coordinator, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Major General Robert H. Latiff, (Ret.), George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; David Isaacs, Semiconductor Industry Association, and Jennifer Thomas, The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; Jim Sims, Molycorp, Inc., Greenwood, Colorado; Gregory Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission, Herndon, Virginia, on behalf of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources; and Roderick G. Eggert, Colorado School of Mines, Golden.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Max Sieben

Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, who was introduced by Senator Tester, Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, and Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OVERTIME

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce concluded a hearing to examine overtime at the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testi-

mony from Carolyn N. Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Ron Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Border Patrol, and Catherine Emerson, Chief Human Capital Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Brandon Judd, National Border Patrol Council, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, John Joseph Tuchi, Diane J. Humetewa, Rosemary Marquez, Douglas L. Rayes, and James Alan Soto, all to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senators Flake and McCain, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3936–3957, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Pages H1438–39

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 142 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 28

Pages H1439, H1458–59

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act: The House passed H.R. 7, to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 188 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 30.

Pages H1459–72

Rejected the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 221 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 29.

Pages H1470–71

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–33 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 465, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) and the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2642), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 27, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 26.

Pages H1443–58

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 465 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

Pages H1443–45

A second point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 465 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Support for United States-Republic of Korea Civil Nuclear Cooperation Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 1901, to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

Pages H1472–73

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 29th.

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House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representatives Price (NC), Capps, Farr, Ellison, Roybal-Allard, Davis (CA), Moore, McDermott, and Titus.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

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State of the Union Address: President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 75. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), Walden, Lankford, Jenkins, Foxx, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Becerra, Crowley, Israel, and DeLauro and Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Bennet, Stabenow, Begich, McConnell, Cornyn, Thune, Blunt, and Barrasso. The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–82).

Pages H1473–78

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1439.

Senate Referral: S. 1901 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1457–58, H1458, H1458–59, H1471, and H1472. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REBALANCING TO THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific Region: Examining Its Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; and Michael D. Lumpkin, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; and VADM Frank Pandolfe, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S COUNTERSPACE PROGRAM AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled “The People's Republic of China's Counterspace Program and the Implications for U.S. National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WAR ON POVERTY: EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Progress Report on The War on Poverty: Expanding Economic Opportunity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: SHARING BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVING LOW-INCOME AND FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Sharing Best Practices for Serving Low-income and First Generation Students”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded markup on H.R. 3826, the “Electricity Security and Affordability Act”; and H.R. 2126, the “Better Buildings Act of 2013”. The bill H.R. 2126 was ordered reported, as amended; and the bill H.R. 3826 was ordered reported, without amendment.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Iran Nuclear Deal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING TSA'S CADRE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Examining TSA's Cadre of Criminal Investigators”. Testimony was heard from the following Homeland Security officials: Roderick Allison, Assistant Administrator, Office of Inspection, Transportation Security Administration; Karen Shelton Waters, Assistant Administrator, Office of Human Capital, Transportation Security Administration; and Anne Richards, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audits.

TOP MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES: GRANT MANAGEMENT AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Top Management Challenges: Grant Management at the U.S. Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

THE SCOPE OF FAIR USE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Scope of Fair Use”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 163, the “Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act”; H.R. 2095, the “Land Disposal Transparency and Efficiency Act”; H.R. 2259, the “North Fork Watershed Protection Act of 2013”; H.R. 2657, the “Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3492, the “River Paddling Protection Act”; and a motion to consider Committee Print 113–1. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 163; H.R. 2095; H.R. 2259; and H.R. 3492. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2657. The motion to consider Committee Print 113–1 was approved and adopted, as amended.

DOCUMENTS DETAILING HEALTHCARE.GOV SECURITY VULNERABILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Roadmap for Hackers?—Documents Detailing Healthcare.gov Security Vulnerabilities”. This was a closed hearing.

SMALL BUSINESS TRADE AGENDA: STATUS AND IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Small Business Trade Agenda: Status and Impact of International Agreements”. Testimony was heard from James Sanford, Assistant United States Trade Representative, Small Business, Market Access and Industrial Competitiveness, Office of the Trade Representative.

IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GRANT PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Improving the Effectiveness of the Federal Surface Transportation Safety Grant Programs”. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Hart, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEARNING FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR’S SUCCESSFUL APPROACH TO HIRING VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “What can the Federal Government Learn from the Private Sector’s Successful Approach to Hiring Veterans?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF THE EMPLOYER MANDATE’S DEFINITION OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE ON JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impact of the Employer Mandate’s Definition of Full-time Employee on Jobs and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FARM BILL

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D75)

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. Signed on January 24, 2014. (Public Law 113–77)

S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. Signed on January 24, 2014. (Public Law 113–78)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 29, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the annual report and oversight of the Office of Financial Research, 3:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary, and Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, all of the Department of Education, France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, and Steven Joel Anthony, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1448, to provide for equitable compensation to

the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydro-power by the Grand Coulee Dam, and the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 919, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine worldwide threat, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 938, to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 447, supporting the democratic and European aspirations of the people of Ukraine, and their right to choose their own future free of intimidation and fear, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1926, Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, January 29

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642—Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (Subject to a Rule).

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