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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1086, Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 3370, Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act.

Senate passed S. 2137, National Flood Insurance Program Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1597–S1670

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2125–2148, S.J. Res. 34, and S. Res. 383–392.

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Measures Passed:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 77), Senate passed S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S1602, S1611–12, S1613–27

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 75), Coburn Modified Amendment No. 2830, to establish a $1,000,000 asset limit for eligibility for child care assistance. **Pages S1608–09, S1610**

Harkin (for Portman) Amendment No. 2827, to provide for evidence-based training that promotes early language and literacy development.

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Harkin (for Tester/Murkowski) Amendment No. 2834, to permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive the prohibition on the use of amounts by Indian tribes and tribal organizations for construction or renovation of facilities for child care programs if the use will result in an increase of the level of child care services. **Pages S1609–10**

Harkin (for Thune) Amendment No. 2838, to specify that child care certificates may be included in State strategies to increase the supply of child care. **Pages S1609–10**

Harkin (for Warren) Amendment No. 2842, to allow funds reserved under section 658G(a) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to be used to connect child care staff members with Federal and State financial aid, or other resources, in order to assist the staff members in pursuing relevant training. **Pages S1609–10**

Harkin (for Bennet/Murkowski) Modified Amendment No. 2839, to expand the requirement that space allotted to child care providers in Federal buildings will be used to provide child care services to children of whom at least 50 percent have 1 parent or guardian employed by the Federal Government. **Page S1610**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2845, to require the Secretary (acting through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families) to prepare an annual report that contains a determination about whether States have complied with a priority requirement, and to require the Secretary to withhold funds from States that fail to comply with such priority requirement. **Pages S1613–14**

Harkin (for Portman) Amendment No. 2847, to provide that a child care staff member who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor against a child or a misdemeanor involving child pornography is ineligible for employment by certain child care providers. **Page S1616**

Harkin (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2846, to express the sense of the Senate on significantly reducing child poverty by calendar year 2019.

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Withdrawn:

Harkin Amendment No. 2811, to include rural and remote areas as underserved areas identified in the State plan. **Pages S1602, S1617**

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act: By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 78), Senate passed

H.R. 3370, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, pass.) **Pages S1627–32**

National Flood Insurance Program Act: Senate passed S. 2137, to ensure that holders of flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program do not receive premium refunds for coverage of second homes. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1629, S1632**

Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1456, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1666–67**

Reid (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2851, to make a technical correction. **Page S1667**

Congressional Gold Medal to Montford Point Marines: Senate passed S. 2147, to amend Public Law 112–59 to provide for the display of the congressional gold medal awarded to the Montford Point Marines, Unites States Marine Corps, by the Smithsonian Institution and at other appropriate locations. **Page S1667**

HHEATT Act: Senate passed H.R. 4076, to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States. **Pages S1667–68**

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2650, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1668**

Crisis in the Central African Republic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 375, concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the amendment to the preamble. **Pages S1668–69**

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1669**

Reid (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 2852, to strike the quotation from the United States Agency for International Development regarding educated women. **Page S1669**

193rd Anniversary of the Independence of Greece: Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. **Page S1669**

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, designating March 22, 2014, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day". **Page S1669**

National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, designating the week of March 9, 2014, through March 15, 2014, as "National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week". **Page S1669**

World Plumbing Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, designating March 11, 2014, as "World Plumbing Day". **Page S1669**

Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 391, designating Jean M. Manning as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate. **Page S1669**

Authorize Document Production and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 392, to authorize document production and representation in *Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al.* **Page S1669**

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370. **Page S1669**

Measures Considered:

Sovereignty and Democracy in Ukraine Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine. **Pages S1627, S1633–42**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 13, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014. **Page S1642**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1670**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S1670**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, March 13, 2014 through Monday, March 24, 2014, Senators King, Reed, Rockefeller, and Casey be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S1670**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, March 14, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, March 21, 2014 until 2 p.m., on Monday, March 24, 2014. **Page S1670**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (Treaty Doc. 112–4) (Ex. Rept. 113–1);

Report to accompany Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113–1) (Ex. Rept. 113–2);

Report to accompany Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113–2) (Ex. Rept. 113–3); and

Report to accompany Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (Treaty Doc. 113–3) (Ex. Rept. 113–4). **Pages S1651–52**

Cooper Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S1643**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination 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 S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine. **Page S1643**

Harpool Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Page S1643**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination 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 the nomination of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S1643**

McHugh Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S1643**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination 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 the nomination of M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Page S1643**

Smith Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S1643**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination 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 the nomination of Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S1643**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs). **Pages S1610, S1670**

Joseph Pius Pietrzyk, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014. **Pages S1610–11, S1670**

Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. **Pages S1611, S1670**

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 76), Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Pages S1612–13, S1670**

Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General

of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service. **Pages S1632–33, S1670**

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Deirdre M. Daly, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

James Walter Frazer Green, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Ronald Lee Miller, of Kansas, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2020.

Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S1670**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—78) **Pages S1610, S1613, S1617, S1630**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, Commander, United States Northern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General John F. Kelly, United States Marine Corps, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member and Vice Chairman, Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member, all of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. AVIATION INDUSTRY AND JOBS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the United