Thursday, June 26, 2014

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 494, relative to the death of former Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4095-4191

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2533–2563, S. Res. 486–494, and S. Con. Res. 38.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2534, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. (S. Rept. No. 113–198)

Report to accompany S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. (S. Rept. No. 113–199)

S. 2554, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. (S. Rept. No. 113–200)

S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–201)

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 hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–202)

S. 1933, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–203)

H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–204) S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2454, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4153**

Measures Passed:

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 2076, to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Boozman) Amendment No. 3442, to strike the requirement that the Commander of the United States Transportation Command be a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and that a substitute member of the Board be an officer of the United States Transportation Command. Page S4188

Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1799, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S4189-90

Reid (for Coons) Amendment No. 3443, in the nature of a substitute. Page S4189

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians: Senate passed H.R. 2388, to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. Page S4190

Cape May-Lewes Ferry 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 490, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. Page S4190

Congratulating the Los Angeles Kings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 491, congratulating the Los Angeles Kings on winning the 2014 Stanley Cup Championship. Page S4190

Congratulating "A Prairie Home Companion": Senate agreed to S. Res. 492, congratulating "A Prairie Home Companion" on its 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming.

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Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 493, designating July 11, 2014, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States. Page S4190

Relative to the death of former Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 494, relative to the death of Howard H. Baker, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee. Page S4190

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. Pages S4095–97

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 7, 2014, upon disposition of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4191**

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. Pages S4190–91

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimousconsent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, June 26, 2014, through Monday, July 7, 2014, Senators Levin and Carper be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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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: Monday, June 30, 2014 at 12 noon; and Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, July 3, 2014 until 2 p.m., on Monday, July 7, 2014. **Page S4191**

Krause Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Pages S4101-12

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S4103

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 7, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, that all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. Page S4191

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 216), Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. Pages S4112, S4191

Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Pages S4112-13, S4191

Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Pages S4112, S4191

Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Pages S4112, S4191

Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior. **Pages S4112, S4191**

Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2019.

Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Amos L. Mazzant, III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Robert Lee Pitman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Robert William Schroeder III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today		

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—216) Pages S4103, S4112

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Howard Baker, in accordance with S. Res. 494, at 6:41 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, June 30, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4191.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported (S. 2534) an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2015.

U.S. TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States travel and tourism industry, focusing on Federal efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Hyatt, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce, International Trade Administration; Michele T. Bond, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; and Michael Stroud, Acting Assistant Secretary, Private Sector Office, and John Wagner, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of an original bill entitled, "The Preserving American's Transit and Highways Act", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sexual assault on campus, focusing on working to ensure student safety, after receiving testimony from Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and James L. Moore, Director, Clery Act Compliance Division, Office of Federal Student Aid, both of the Department of Education; Emily Renda, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; John Kelly, Know Your IX, Medford, Massachusetts; and Jane Stapleton, University of New Hampshire Prevention Innovations: Research and Practices for Ending Violence Against Women, Durham.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2454, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 4976–5012; and 3 resolutions, H.Res. 651–653 were introduced.Pages H5816–18

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2807, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–494);

H.R. 3134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow charitable contributions made by an individual after the close of the taxable year, but before the tax return due date, to be treated as made in such taxable year, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–495);

H.R. 4619, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the rule allowing certain tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–496);

H.R. 4691, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax rate for excise tax on investment income of private foundations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–497); and

H.R. 4719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–498). Page H5816

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5771

Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4899, to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production and to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 368. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 25th.

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Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 367.

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–50 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. Page H5773

Agreed to:

Duncan (SC) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that directs the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to include Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia into an administrative planning area for offshore leasing purposes; Pages H5786–87

Wittman amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that fosters STEM education in the South Atlantic states by allowing colleges, universities and historically black colleges and universities (with a preference to military veteran serving institutions of higher education) to partner with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to train the next generation of geological and geophysical scientists to better understand the oil, gas and other hydrocarbon potential of the offshore South Atlantic; Pages H5787–88

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that establishes an Office of Energy Employment and Training to ensure that veterans, women, and under-represented minorities are fully included in the hiring and training efforts of the Department of the Interior's energy planning, permitting, and regulatory agencies; Pages H5793–97

Wittman amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that grants the Secretary of the Interior the ability to add a lease sale area to a finalized 5 year plan, as long as all of the National Environmental Policy Act requirements have been met on that specific area within the last 5 years (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 360); and Pages H5782–83, H5798–99

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that prohibits the Secretary from canceling, deferring or withdrawing any lease previously announced to be auctioned based on public comments received by the Department after the public comment period has expired (by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 365).

Pages H5792-93, H5802-03

Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that sought to strike section 10410 which prohibits BOEM and BSEE from coordinating coastal and marine spatial planning under the National Ocean Policy (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 361); Pages H5783–86, H5799H5800

Capps amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that sought to require the Secretary of Interior to notify all relevant state and local regulatory agencies and publish a notice in the Federal Register

within 30 days after receiving any application for a permit that would allow the conduct of any offshore oil and gas well stimulation activities (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 362);

Pages H5788–89, H5800–01

Deutch amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that sought to strike the provision that an action involving a covered energy decision shall take precedence over all other pending matters before the district court (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 363); Pages H5789–90, H5801

Blumenauer amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that sought to require companies holding leases, which allow them to drill on public lands off-shore without paying a royalty, to renegotiate those leases prior to bidding on new leases issued pursuant to Title I of this Act (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 364); and

Pages H5790-92, H5801-02

DeFazio amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 113–493) that sought to authorize \$10 million of the revenue generated by the underlying bill for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to use existing authority to limit speculation in energy markets (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 366). Pages H5797–98, H5803

H. Res. 641, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4899) and (H.R. 4923), was agreed to yesterday, June 25th.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 11:02 a.m. Page H5798

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 30th. Pages H5805, H5814

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5790.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5799, H5800, H5800–01, H5801, H5801–02, H5802–03, H5803, H5804–05, H5805. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC'S DIVISION OF TRADING AND MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the SEC's Division of Trading and Markets". Testimony was heard from Stephen Luparello, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2283, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 4347, to require the Secretary of State to provide an annual report to Congress regarding United States Government efforts to survey and secure the return, protection, and restoration of stolen, confiscated, or otherwise unreturned Christian properties in the Republic of Turkey and in those areas currently occupied by the Turkish military in northern Cyprus; H.R. 4411, to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4640, to establish the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission; and H.R. 4653, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; H. Res. 435, calling on 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; and H. Res. 588, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents; and H. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova's territorial integrity. The following bills and resolutions were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4347; H.R. 2283; H.R. 4411; H.R. 4640; H.R. 4653; H. Res. 435; H. Res. 562; and H. Res. 588.

COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Over-Criminalization held a hearing entitled "Collateral Consequences". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY FOR PATIENT SAFETY AT VETERANS HOSPITALS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Technology for Patient Safety at Veterans Hospitals". Testimony was heard from Chetan Jinadatha, Chief, Infectious Diseases, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System; and public witnesses.

NEW DOMESTIC ENERGY PARADIGM: DOWNSTREAM CHALLENGES FOR SMALL **ENERGY BUSINESSES**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled "The New Domestic Energy Paradigm: Downstream Challenges for Small Energy Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, June 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Monday, June 30

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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