

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2072, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S3137–S3179*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3177–3187, S.J. Res. 40, and S. Res. 460–461. **Page S3174**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 1023, to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990. (S. Rept. No. 112–165)

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#### **Measures Passed:**

***Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act:*** By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 96), Senate passed H.R. 2072, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3137–54, S3155–58**

#### **Rejected:**

By 12 yeas to 86 nays (Vote No. 91), Lee Amendment No. 2100, to phase out the authority of the Export-Import Bank of the United States and to require the President to initiate negotiations with other major exporting countries to end subsidized export financing programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 9 yeas to 89 nays (Vote No. 92), Paul Amendment No. 2101, to prohibit the Export-Import Bank of the United States from providing financing to a person or for a project in a country the government or central bank of which holds debt instruments of the United States. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having

failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S3155–56**

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 93), Corker Amendment No. 2102, to require the Export-Import Bank of the United States to provide financing only for transactions subsidized by export credit agencies of other countries or for which private sector financing is unavailable or prohibitively expensive and to require the Bank to maintain a ratio of capital to the outstanding principal balance of loans and loan guarantees of not less than 10 percent. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 94), Vitter Amendment No. 2103, to clarify the requirement that the Export-Import Bank of the United States not make or guarantee loans that are subordinate to other loans, to restrict financing of certain fossil fuel projects in foreign countries, and to prohibit financing of renewable energy products manufactured in foreign countries. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S3150–52, S3157**

By 35 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 95), Toomey Amendment No. 2104, to prohibit an increase in the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to more than \$100,000,000,000 until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that the Secretary has initiated international negotiations to eliminate export financing programs and to prohibit an increase in that lending authority to more than \$120,000,000,000 until a multilateral agreement to eliminate export financing programs has been completed. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S3152–54, S3157–58**

**National Public Works Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 460, designating the week of May 20 through May 26, 2012, as "National Public Works Week".

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**Recognizing Teachers Contributions to the United States:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 461, recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our Nation.

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## Measures Considered:

**Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

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**Budget Resolutions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks, on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, Senate proceed to the consideration of motions to proceed to the following budget resolutions en bloc: S. Con. Res. 41, setting forth the President's budget request for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; H. Con. Res. 112, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; S. Con. Res. 37, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; S. Con. Res. 42, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2012, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2022; and S. Con. Res. 44, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; that there be six hours of debate on the motions to proceed, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the five motions to proceed in the order listed above; that there be two minutes equally divided between the votes; that all after the first vote be ten minute votes; Notwithstanding the adoption of any motion to proceed; Senate proceed to the remaining votes on motions to proceed; provided further, that at the conclusion of these votes, Senate resume consideration of the budget resolution if a motion to proceed is adopted; if no motion to proceed has been adopted, the Majority Leader be recognized.

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**Stein Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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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 on Thursday, May, 17, 2012.

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**Powell Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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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 Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

David Bruce Wharton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and Public Health Service.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy, which was sent to the Senate on November 30, 2011.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—96)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3178.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2013.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2013.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Kathleen H. Hicks, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Jessica Lynn Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Heidi Shyu, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, all of the Department of Defense.

### TAX REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform, focusing on what it could

mean for tribes and territories, after receiving testimony from Sarah H. Ingram, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Steven Maguire, Specialist in Public Finance, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert Odawi Porter, Seneca Nation of Indians, Salamanca, New York; and Lindsay G. Robertson, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman.

### HIV/AIDS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine the cost of HIV/AIDS drugs and the Prize Fund alternative, including S. 1137, to provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines, to enhance access to new medicines, and S. 1138, to delink research and development incentives from drug prices for new medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and to stimulate greater sharing of scientific knowledge, after receiving testimony from Mohammad N. Akhter, District of Columbia Department of Health Director, Frank Oldham, Jr., National Association of People with AIDS, and James Packard Love, Knowledge Ecology International, all of Washington, D.C.; Suerie Moon, Harvard Global Health Institute and the Harvard School of Public Health, and Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, New York, New York.

### LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine solving the long-term unemployment crisis for older workers, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Jeszeck, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Joseph M. Carbone, The Workplace, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; Christine L. Owens, National Employment Law Project, Washington, D.C.; and Sheila Whitelaw, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.