

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1926, Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S609–S664

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1974–1979, and S. Res. 342. **Pages S654–55**

Measures Passed:

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act: By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S613–19, S619–27**

Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 16), Toomey Modified Amendment No. 2707, to adjust phase-ins of flood insurance rate increases. **Pages S615–17**

By 24 yeas to 75 nays (Vote No. 17), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 2697, to allow States to opt-out of participation in the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers. **Pages S617–18**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 18), Heller/Lee Amendment No. 2700, to clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. **Page S618**

Withdrawn:

Merkley Modified Amendment No. 2709, to establish limitations on force-placed insurance. **Page S618**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 342, designating February 3 through 7, 2014, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S658**

Measures Considered:

Veterans Medical Services And Benefits: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to con-

sideration of S. 1950, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans. **Page S611**

Conference Reports:

Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018. **Pages S619, S627–47**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany 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, January 30, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014; that if cloture is invoked, there be 20 minutes remaining post-cloture at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, to be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on adoption of the conference report. **Page S619**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees. **Page S619**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, January 30, 2014 through Monday, February 3, 2014, the Majority Leader and Senators Warner and Rockefeller be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S658**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Miranda A.A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Michael J. McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Christine E. Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2018.

Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2018.

Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy. **Pages S658–64**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S657–58**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—19) **Pages S617, S617–18, S618, S619**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S658.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine West Coast and Western Pacific perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Will Stelle, West Coast Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Donald McIsaac, Pacific Fishery Management Council, Portland, Oregon; Arnold Palacios, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and Michael Goto, Longline Fishery, both of Honolulu, Hawaii; Mel Moon, Quileute Tribe, La Push, Washington; Ray Toste, Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association, Westport; Joe Dazey, Washington Trollers Association, Kingston; Michael Gravitz, Marine Conservation Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Trevor A. Branch, University of Washington, Seattle.

LIFTING THE BAN ON U.S. CRUDE OIL EXPORTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine opportunities and challenges associated with lifting the ban on United States crude oil exports, after receiving testimony Harold Hamm, Continental Resources, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Graeme Burnett, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia; Amy Myers Jaffe, University of California, Davis Graduate School of Management; and Daniel J. Weiss, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

FUKUSHIMA NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, after receiving testimony from Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Richard G. Frank, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CIVILIAN NUCLEAR OPERATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine civilian nuclear cooperation agreements, focusing on Section 123, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary of State; Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Sharon Squassoni, Center for Strategic

and International Studies (CSIS), both of Washington, D.C.; and Henry Sokolski, The Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, Arlington, Virginia.

TREATY COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on treaty compliance issues from Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

IMPACT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CLOSURES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Federal government closure impacts on the District of Columbia, focusing on the shutdown, after receiving testimony from Representative Norton; former Representative Tom Davis; Robert Vogel, Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Allen Y. Lew, Executive Office of the Mayor, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, with an amendment.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, February 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Friday, January 31

House Chamber

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