

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2889–S2922

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2316–2322. **Pages S2910–11**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, the time during the recess count post-cloture.

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Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: By 55 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 142), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 2262, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill.

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Logan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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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 H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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Tuchi Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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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 Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Humetewa Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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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 John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 141), Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

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

Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

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

Tommy Port Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

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 Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2922.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine high frequency and automated trading in futures markets, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine expanding economic opportunity for women and families, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine polluted transportation infrastructure stormwater runoff, 3 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paige Eve Alexander, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States

Agency for International Development, and Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, all of the Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine strengthening minority serving institutions, focusing on the best practices and innovations for student success, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine improving financial management at the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, and Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Leslie Joyce Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Michael P. Boggs, Mark Howard Cohen, Leigh Martin May, and Eleanor Louise Ross, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine economic espionage and trade secret theft, focusing on if laws are adequate for today’s threats, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 13 through May 16, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 11:10 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, Hire More Heroes Act.

Following disposition of H.R. 3474, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and of Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 13, to hold hearings to examine high frequency and automated trading in futures markets, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 14, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense research and innovation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 14, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine strengthening oversight and integrity of the financial markets, focusing on fiscal year 2015 resource needs of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 15, business meeting to resume consideration of S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: May 13, to hold hearings to examine expanding economic opportunity for women and families, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 15, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Surface Transportation Reauthorization, focusing on local perspectives on moving America, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, and Monica C. Regalbutto, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 13, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine polluted transportation infrastructure stormwater runoff, 3 p.m., SD-406.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nuclear reactor decommissioning, focusing on stakeholder views, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 2:15 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paige Eve Alexander, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, all of the Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director, both of the International Monetary Fund, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 15, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine addressing the threat of Boko Haram, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew H. Schapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, both of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 13, to hold hearings to examine strengthening minority serving institutions, focusing on the best practices and innovations for student success, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Strong Start for America's Children Act", and the nomination of R. Jane Chu, of Missouri, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of tobacco use and regulation in the United States, focusing on progress and challenges, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 13, to hold hearings to examine improving financial management at the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine charting a path forward for the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 14, Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of mitigation

in reducing Federal expenditures for disaster response, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 15, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine online advertising and hidden hazards to consumer security and data privacy, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine wildfires and forest management, focusing on how prevention is preservation, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, and Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Leslie Joyce Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Michael P. Boggs, Mark Howard Cohen, Leigh Martin May, and Eleanor Louise Ross, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 13, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine economic espionage and trade

secret theft, focusing on if laws are adequate for today's threats, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on supporting law enforcement officers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 14, to hold hearings to examine a collection, analysis and use of elections data, focusing on a measured approach to improving election administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 15, to hold hearings to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: May 14, to hold hearings to examine heroin and prescription drug abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3474, Hire More Heroes Act, at 11:10 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed, the time during recess count post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Tuesday, May 13

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in pro forma session.



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