

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7245–S7274*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1568. **Page S7271**

**Kumar Nomination—Joint Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that as if in Executive Session the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received in the Senate on October 7, 2013, be jointly referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S7272**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 213), Colin Stirling Bruce, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Pages S7265–67, S7274**

Sara Lee Ellis, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S7265–67, S7274**

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

Kelly R. Welsh, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Helen Tierney, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—213) **Page S7267**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7272.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security disability benefits, after receiving testimony from Charlie P. Andrus, Administrative Law Judge, and Sarah A. Carver, Senior Case Technician, and Jennifer L. Griffith, both of the Office of Adjudication and Review, all of the Social Security Administration; Alfred Bradley Adkins, Pikeville, Kentucky; Srini M. Ammisetty, Stanville, Kentucky; Jamie Slone; and Melinda L. Martin.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.