

Monday, December 8, 2008

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Resume of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3718–3724, and S. Res. 721–723. Page S10812

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, November 19, during the adjournment:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 110–524)

S. Res. 707, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Joshua Bolten, as the Custodian of Records at the White House, to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary and produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

S. Res. 708, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Karl Rove to appear and testify before the Committee on the Judiciary and to produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

Report to accompany S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees. (S. Rept. No. 110–523)

Report to accompany S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence. (S. Rept. No. 110–525)

Report to accompany S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program. (S. Rept. No. 110–526)

S. 1695, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pathway for the licensure of biosimilar biological products, to promote innovation in the life sciences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Measures Passed:

Collection of Clothing, Toys, Food, and Housewares: Senate agreed to S. Res. 723, to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. Page S10819

Appointments:

Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–549, appointed the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: Jane Delgado, of the District of Columbia, and John Hiatt, of Nevada. Pages S10818–19

Advancing America’s Priorities Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America’s priorities. Page S10819

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration, the nomination was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and discharged from further consideration.)

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Routine list in the Foreign Service.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brad Cole, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2012.

Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Roszell Dulany Hunter, of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10819.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USDA FOOD ASSISTANCE AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food assistance and child nutrition programs in the economic downturn, focusing on promoting health and fighting hunger, after receiving testimony from Eileen Kennedy, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Boston, Massachusetts; Mariana Chilton, Drexel University School of Public Health, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mary Kay Fox, Mathematica Policy Research, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Carolyn L. Duff, Richland County School District One, Columbia, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of School Nurses.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, pursuant to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 440.

Committee Meetings

U.S. ECONOMY—ROLE OF CREDIT DERIVATIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the role of credit derivatives in the U.S. economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—MUMBAI/CYBER UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Mumbai/Cyber Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1271)

H.R. 6867, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation. Signed on November 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–449)

H.R. 5714, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the Colonial period to today. Signed on December 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–450)

H.R. 2040, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Signed on December 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–451)

S. 602, to develop the next generation of parental control technology. Signed on December 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–452)