

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in joint session to count electoral votes.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S181–S238

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 167–191, S.J. Res. 4, and S. Res. 10–11. **Pages S211–12**

Measures Passed:

Relative to Israel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 10, recognizing the right of Israel to defend itself against attacks from Gaza and reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel in its battle with Hamas, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. **Pages S181–83**

Production of Documents: Senate agreed to S. Res. 11, to authorize production of documents to the Department of Defense Inspector General. **Pages S237–38**

Joint Session Senate Tellers—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Tuesday, January 6, 2009, with respect to the announcement of members appointed to be Senate tellers for the Joint Session on Thursday, January 8, 2009, be modified to reflect that Senator Schumer will replace Senator Feinstein. **Page S186**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Page S238**

Messages from the House: **Page S208**

Measures Referred: **Page S208**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S181, S208**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S208, S238**

Executive Communications: **Pages S208–11**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S207–08**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S235–37**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S237**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S237**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S238.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CBO AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Budget and Economic Outlook, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Sunshine, Acting Director, Congressional Budget Office.

ENERGY SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current energy security challenges, after receiving testimony from Dianne R. Nielson, Utah Office of the Governor, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association; and Kit Batten, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Eric Schwartz, Energy Security Leadership Council, and Karen A. Harbert, Institute for 21st Century Energy, all of Washington, D.C.

TVA AND COAL ASH SPILL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the recent major coal ash spill, after receiving testimony from Tom Kilgore, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority; Stephen A. Smith, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Knoxville, Tennessee; and William Howard Rose, Jr., Roane County Office of Emergency Services, Ten Mile, Tennessee.

MUMBAI TERRORIST ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from the Mumbai terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis; Donald Van Duyn, Chief Intelligence Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Raymond W. Kelly, New York City Police Department, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nomination of Thomas A. Daschle, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Johnson and former Senator Robert J. Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ECONOMIC DOWNTURN: STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to help state and local law enforcement during an economic downturn, including S. 150, to provide Federal assistance to States for rural law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department, Burlington, Vermont; Charles H. Ramsey, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John R. Schmidt, former Associate Attorney General, Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Mary Lou Leary, National Center for Victims of Crime, and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 65 public bills, H.R. 288–352; 8 private bills, H.R. 353–360; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 12–16; H. Con. Res. 11–15; and H. Res. 32–36, were introduced. **Pages H88–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H91**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Electoral College Vote Tellers: Pursuant to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States, the Chair appointed Representative Brady of Pennsylvania and Representative Daniel E. Lungren of California as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes. **Page H73**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. **Page H75**

Joint Session: The Joint Session was called to order at 1:08 p.m. and dissolved at 1:36 p.m. **Pages H75–76**

Declaration of the Election of President and Vice President: Pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1, and the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President

and Vice President of the United States, the two Houses of Congress met in Joint Session with Vice President Cheney as the presiding officer to count the electoral votes. The following votes were cast for President: Barack Obama of Illinois, 365 and John McCain of Arizona, 173. The following votes were cast for Vice President: Joseph Biden of Delaware, 365 and Sarah Palin of Alaska, 173. **Page H76**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:06 p.m. **Page H76**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 9. **Page H82**

Consideration of Suspension: Agreed that the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules relating to H. Res. 34, recognizing Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza, reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, on the legislative day of Friday, January 9, 2009. **Page H82**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.