

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., of Delaware, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S239–S262

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 192–199. **Page S256**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “2008 Joint Economic Report.” (S. Rept. No. 111–1)

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 110th Congress.” (S. Rept. No. 111–2) **Pages S256**

Measures Considered:

Lands Bill—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 Friday, January 9, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2009. **Page S255**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 1 p.m., on Sunday, January 11, 2009, the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees,

and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Resignation of Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.: Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., of Delaware, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective January 15, 2009, at 5 p.m., in order to prepare for duties as Vice President of the United States.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S239, S256**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 2:43 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S262.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Hilda L. Solis, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.