

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S353–S399*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills were introduced, as follows: S. 231–250. **Page S388**

**Measures Passed:**

*Congratulating University of Florida Football Team:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 13, congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2008 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S398–99**

Reid (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 22, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S398–99**

**Measures Considered:**

**Lands Bill:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S353–80**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 15, to change the enactment date. **Page S353**

Reid Amendment No. 16 (to Reid Amendment No. 15), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 17, to change the enactment date. **Page S354**

Reid Amendment No. 18 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

Reid Amendment No. 19 (to Reid Amendment No. 18), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S356–57**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 p.m., on Thursday, January 15, 2009, that all post-cloture time be yielded back, except for 10 minutes to be equally divided and controlled between Senators Bingaman and Coburn, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the pending amendments be withdrawn, that the managers amendments which have been cleared by the Leaders and Managers be in order, and that if cleared, the amendments be considered and agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Pages S380, S399**

**Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, January 15, 2009 following the vote on passage of S. 22, Lands Bill, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. **Page S380**

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

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

42 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S385–86**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S386**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S385–98**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S398**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S398**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S398**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S357**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

January 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S399.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Harkin and Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa P. Jackson, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Nancy Helen Sutley, to be Chairman of the Council

on Environmental Quality, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director, who was introduced by Representatives John Spratt and Paul Ryan, and Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Representative David Obey, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric K. Shinseki, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Robert J. Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 493–546; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21, and H. Res. 59–61, 63–65, were introduced. **Pages H323–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H325–26**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 62, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program (H. Rept. 111–3). **Page H323**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H199**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware. **Page H199**

**Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global

Warming: Representative Markey (MA), Chairman and Representative Sensenbrenner. **Page H199**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 59, electing the following minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Rules: Representative Foxx. **Page H216**

**Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 16. **Pages H216–68**

Rejected the Deal (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 247 nays, Roll No. 15. **Pages H264–67**

H. Res. 52, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 14, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question. **Pages H203–16**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure: