

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Roland Burris, of Illinois, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S401–S631

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 251–273, and S. Res. 14. **Page S598**

Measures Passed:

Lands Bill: By 73 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 3), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S419–S557**

Adopted:

Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 23, to improve the bill. **Page S419**

Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 24, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S419**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 15, to change the enactment date. **Page S419**

Reid Amendment No. 16 (to Reid Amendment No. 15), of a perfecting nature. **Page S419**

During consideration of this measure on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Senate also took the following action:

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, fell when cloture was invoked on the bill. **Page S419**

Reid Amendment No. 18 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a perfecting nature, fell when the motion to recommit fell. **Page S419**

Reid Amendment No. 19 (to Reid Amendment No. 18), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 18 fell. **Page S419**

Senate Staff Transition Funding: Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, to provide funding for Senate staff transitions. **Page S630**

Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and Courthouse: Senate passed S. 273, to require the designation of the federally occupied building located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, S.W., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and Courthouse”. **Page S630**

Measures Failed:

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act Obligations Disapproval Resolution: By 42 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate rejected S.J. Res. 5, relating to the disapproval of obligations under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. **Pages S559–63, S565–87**

Measures Considered:

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of S. 181, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration thereto, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S588–90**

Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 25, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S588**

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

By 72 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 4), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S557–59**

Senator Salazar Farewell Remarks—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, January 16, 2009, Senator Salazar be recognized to speak in order to give his farewell remarks. **Page S631**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on January 23, 1995, with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–3) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–4) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–5) **Page S597**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on Mutual Fisheries Relations; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–6) **Pages S597–98**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Malta (Treaty Doc. No. 111–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S630–31**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S598–99**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S599–S628**

Additional Statements: **Pages S596–97**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S628–29**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S629–30**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S630**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S430, S559, S587**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S631.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Lynn III, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Robert F. Hale, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Michele Flournoy, to be Under Secretary for Policy, who was introduced by Representative Skelton, and Jeh Charles Johnson, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary Schapiro, of New York, to be Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, who was introduced by Senators Reed and Schumer, Christina Romer, of California, to be Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Austan Goolsbee, of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Cecilia Rouse, of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisors, and Daniel Tarullo, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, who was introduced by Senator Dodd, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEBT OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the debt outlook and its implications for policy, after receiving testimony from Richard Berner, Morgan Stanley, and Allen Sinai, Decision Economics, Inc., both of New York, New York; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, DHE Consulting, LLC, of Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ken Salazar, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Mark Udall and Representative John Salazar, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.