

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met for the Inauguration of President Barack Hussein Obama and Vice President Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S661–71

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, Senate consider the nomination of Hillary Clinton, to be Secretary of State, and that there be 3 hours of debate, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Arne Duncan, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Education.

Janet Ann Napolitano, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Steven Chu, of California, to be Secretary of Energy.

Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Eric K. Shinseki, of Hawaii, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Hillary Rodham Clinton, of New York, to be Secretary of State.

Dennis Cutler Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

Steven Chu, of California, to be Secretary of Energy.

Michele A. Flournoy, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Thomas Andrew Daschle, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2012.

Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Arne Duncan, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Education.

Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert F. Hale, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Attorney General.

John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Lisa Perez Jackson, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Defense.

Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

Ray LaHood, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Janet Ann Napolitano, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America

to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Mary L. Schapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2014.

Christina Duckworth Romer, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

James Braidy Steinberg, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Nancy Helen Sutley, of California, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Eric K. Shinseki, of Hawaii, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Daniel K. Tarullo, of Massachusetts, to be Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2008.

Hilda L. Solis, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.

Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture. **Page S671**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S670**

Additional Statements: **Pages S663–67**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:58 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S671.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no bills or resolutions introduced.

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H390**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Castello to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H389**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Scalise, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans' Affairs. **Page H389**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Daniel E. Lungren (CA), wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H389**

Inauguration Ceremonies: Pursuant to H. Res. 23, the House proceeded in a body to the Inauguration Ceremony for President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden. **Pages H389–90**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 12:47 p.m., pursuant to H. Res. 61, it stands adjourned until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine addressing short-and long-term fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD-608.