

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4405–S4468

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 829–837, and S. Res. 104–105. **Page S4445**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009. **Page S4445**

Measures Passed:

National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 104, designating the third week of April 2009 as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”. **Pages S4464–65**

Global Youth Service Days: Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, designating April 24 through 26, 2009, as “Global Youth Service Days”. **Page S4465**

Measures Considered:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds. **Pages S4408–26**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, Dorgan, and Chairman Brown. **Page S4465**

Hill Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S4430–34**

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

By 73 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 158), 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 nomination. **Page S4434**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, and that all time in adjournment, recess or morning business count post-cloture. **Page S4466**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 82 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 155), Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 156), Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By 87 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 157), Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S4426–30**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Cameron F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Donald Michael Remy, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Michael Nacht, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Raphael William Bostic, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Rhea S. Suh, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

Daniel B. Poneman, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Michael L. Connor, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Howard K. Koh, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Kathleen Martinez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

John Q. Easton, of Illinois, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Priscilla E. Guthrie, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Mary L. Smith, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

A. Thomas McLellan, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Jose D. Riojas, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Security, and Preparedness).

William A. Gunn, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roger W. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

36 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Pages S4428–30, S4434**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4466.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 93.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION DISASTER CAPACITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: On April 3, the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Disaster Capacity in the National Capital Region: Experiences, Capabilities, and Weaknesses. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Peter Nickels, Attorney General; MG Errol R. Schwartz, USA, Commanding General, DC National Guard; and Jeff Delinski, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Gabrielle Gallegos, Director, Law Enforcement Policy; Jonathan Sarubbi, Regional Administrator; and Kenneth Wall, Acting Director, Office of National Capital Region, both with FEMA; Daniel R. Nichols, Assistant Chief, U.S. Capitol Police Department; Vernon Herron, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety/Director of Homeland Security, Office of the County Executive, Prince George's County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: On Friday, April 3, 2009, committee concluded a hearing to examine the em-

ployment situation for March 2009, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cameron Kerry, to be General Counsel, and April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Robert Rivkin, to be General Counsel, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Peter Appel to be the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; and Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine reforming America's health care delivery system; to include a business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic capacity in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine empowering workers to rebuild America's economy and long-term competitiveness, focusing on green skills training for workers, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine