

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5087–S5168

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 969–982, and S. Res. 128–131. **Pages S5127–28**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Mexican Holiday of Cinco de Mayo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 128, recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo. **Page S5167**

Commending Louisiana Jockey Calvin Borel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 129, commending Louisiana jockey Calvin Borel for his victory in the 135th Kentucky Derby. **Page S5167**

Majority Party Membership on Certain Committees for the 111th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 130, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S5168**

Minority Party Appointments for Certain Committees for the 111th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 131, making minority party appointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress. **Page S5168**

Measures Considered:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5088–S5120**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Feingold/Gillibrand) Modified Amendment No. 1032, to require the Congressional Oversight Panel to submit a special report on farm loan restructuring. **Page S5109**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 180), Ensign Modified Amendment No. 1043 (to Amendment No. 1038), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5100–01, S5109–10**

Boxer Amendment No. 1038 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide for oversight of a Public-Private

Investment Program, and to authorize monies for the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to audit and investigate recipients of non-recourse Federal loans under the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility. **Pages S5099–S5100, S5110**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 178), Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Pages S5088–92**

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 179), Thune Amendment No. 1030 (to Amendment No. 1018), to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use any amounts repaid by a financial institution that is a recipient of assistance under the Troubled Assets Relief Program to reduce the authorization level under the TARP. **Pages S5094–97**

By 36 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 181), DeMint Amendment No. 1026 (to Amendment No. 1018), to prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock. **Pages S5101–06, S5110**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5088**

Dodd (for Grassley/Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 1020 (to Amendment No. 1018), to enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Pages S5088, S5116–17**

Dodd (for Grassley/Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 1021 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend Chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S5088, S5117, S5118–19**

Dodd (for Kerry) Modified Amendment No. 1036 (to Amendment No. 1018), to protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property. **Pages S5092–94, S5110–11, S5112, S5115–16, S5117–18**

Reed/Bond Amendment No. 1040 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act.

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Casey Amendment No. 1033 (to Amendment No. 1018), to enhance State and local neighborhood stabilization efforts by providing foreclosure prevention assistance to families threatened with foreclosure and permitting Statewide funding competition in minimum allocation States.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1042 (to Amendment No. 1040), to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property.

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Dodd (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 1039 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address impediments to liquidating warrants.

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Dodd (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1035 (to Amendment No. 1018), to require notice to consumers when a mortgage loan has been sold, transferred, or assigned to a third party.

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Dodd (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 1031 (to Amendment No. 1018), to establish a multifamily mortgage resolution program.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, that no further amendments be in order to the bill, and that Senate vote in the order listed on the pending amendments, with no amendment in order to any amendment listed; provided that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and after the first vote, any succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes each: Reed Modified Amendment No. 1039 (listed above), Boxer Amendment No. 1035 (listed above), Casey Amendment No. 1033 (listed above), Grassley Modified Amendment No. 1020 (listed above), Coburn Amendment No. 1042 (listed above), Reed Amendment No. 1040 (listed above), Kerry Modified Amendment No. 1036 (listed above), Schumer Modified Amendment No. 1031 (listed above), and Grassley Modified Amendment No. 1021 (listed above); provided further, that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill.

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Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Inter-

parliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senators Sessions, Collins, and Voinovich.

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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 Republican 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 Corker and Barrasso.

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Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of S. 896, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

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Majority Party Appointment—Agreement: Pursuant to S. Res. 18, and by unanimous-consent, the Majority Leader made the following appointment on a temporary basis to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Senator Whitehouse.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a draft list of sites, locations, facilities, and activities in the United States for declaration to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), under (the “U.S.-IAEA Additional Protocol”), and constitutes a report thereon, as required by section 271 of Public Law 109–401; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–15)

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S5092, S5097, S5110**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5168.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING PIRACY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ongoing efforts to combat piracy on the high seas, after receiving testimony from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and Vice Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Stephen D. Mull, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and James Caponiti, Acting Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine piracy on the high seas, focusing on protecting our ships, crews, and passengers, after receiving testimony from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Rear Admiral Brian M. Salerno, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship; Theresa Walen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs; Philip J. Shapiro, Liberty Maritime Corporation, Lake Success, New York; and Captain Richard Phillips, Underhill, Vermont, and Michael A. Perry, Riverview, Florida, both of the Maersk Alabama.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and David B. Sandalow, to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, both of the Department of Energy, and Rhea S. Suh, to be Assistant Secretary, and Michael L. Connor, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding health care coverage, after receiving testimony from Stuart M. Butler, Heritage

Foundation, John Castellani, Business Roundtable, Gary Claxton, and Diane Rowland, both of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Donald A. Danner, National Federation of Independent Business, Jennie Chin Hansen, AARP, Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plan, R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, Len Nichols, New America Foundation, Ron Pollack, Families USA, Sandy Praeger, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Sara Rosenbaum, George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services, Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors Association, Scott Serota, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and Andy Stern, Service Employees International Union, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 345, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009";

S. 954, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association;

S. 955, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the African Development Fund and the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, to require budgetary disclosures by multilateral development banks, to encourage multilateral development banks to endorse the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative;

S. 838, to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys;

S. Res. 49, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy;

S. Res. 84, urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt;

S. Con. Res. 19, expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed; and

The nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Ivo