

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7583–S7665

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1458–1469, and S. Res. 212–216. **Page S7639**

Measures Reported:

S. 1462, to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development. (S. Rept. No. 111–48)

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. Rept. No. 111–49)

S. 954, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–50)

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. Rept. No. 111–51)

S. 1415, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted, with amendments. **Page S7639**

Measures Passed:

Trademark Act of 1946: Senate passed H.R. 3114, to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made

available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7664**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7591–S7636**

Adopted:

Leahy Amendment No. 1613 (to Amendment No. 1511), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7632–33, S7634**

78 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 232), Brownback Amendment No. 1610 (to Amendment No. 1511), to clarify that the amendment shall not be construed or applied to infringe on First Amendment rights. **Pages S7631–32, S7634**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Pages S7591, S7607–08, S7623–24, S7627–31**

Rejected:

By 29 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 231), Hatch Amendment No. 1611 (to Amendment No. 1511), to prevent duplication in the Federal government. **Pages S7633–34**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1511), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Page S7630–31**

Pending:

Thune Amendment No. 1618, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in

which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.

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

By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 233), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following be the only amendments on the subject of hate crimes remaining in order during the pendency of the bill: Leahy or designee alternative to Sessions death penalty; Sessions amendment relative to death penalty; Sessions amendment relative to service members; and Sessions amendment relative to attorney general regulations, and that debate on any of the amendments listed above be limited to 40 minutes each; provided further, that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 1 p.m., on Monday, July 20, 2009, and resume consideration of Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above), following the disposition of Leahy Amendment and Sessions Amendment, and provided that upon the disposition of Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above), Senator Levin be recognized to offer the Levin/McCain amendment relating to the F22, with debate on the amendment limited to 2 hours, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and Chambliss, or their designees; provided that upon the use or yielding back of that debate time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendment in order to the Levin/McCain amendment prior to a vote.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–27)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jacqueline A. Berrien, of New York, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2014.

Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2014.

Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S7638–39**

Measures Referred: **Page S7639**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7639–42**

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Additional Statements: **Page S7638**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7653–63**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S7663–64**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7664**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—233) **Pages S7634–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7664.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the START Treaty follow-on agreement from Rose Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Verification, Compliance, and Implementation; and Michael Nacht, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine home foreclosure prevention, after receiving testimony from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability; William Apgar, Senior Advisor for Mortgage Finance, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Joan Carty, The Housing Development Fund, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Mary Coffin, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Des Moines, Iowa; Allen H. Jones, Bank of America, Annandale, Virginia; Diane E. Thompson, National Consumer Law Center, Godfrey, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Advocates; Curtis Glovier, Fortress Investment Group, New York, New York, on behalf of the Mortgage Investors Coalition; Paul S. Willen, Federal Reserve Bank