

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8785–S8890*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1577–1585, and S. Res. 241–244. **Pages S8864–65**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–69)

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#### Measures Passed:

**FEMA Accountability Act:** Senate passed S. 713, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S8888–89**

**Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1275, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8889**

**Hydroelectric Project:** Senate passed H.R. 2938, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8889**

**Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 171, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to honor military personnel who have died in service to the United States and to acknowledge the sacrifice of the families of those individuals as part of the National Weekend of Remembrance. **Page S8889**

**Gospel Music Heritage Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 226, designating September 2009 as “Gospel Music Heritage Month” and honoring gospel music for its valuable contributions to the culture of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8889**

**45th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 244, commemorating the 45th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. **Pages S8889–90**

**Car Save Program Supplemental Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, August 6, 2009, following disposition of the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3435, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program; and that the bill be considered under the following limitations; that each amendment be debated for a period of 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that if there is a sequence of votes, then prior to each vote there be two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that after the first vote in a sequence, the remaining votes be limited to 10 minutes each: Harkin amendment relating to income limits; Kyl amendment relating to status report substitute; Gregg amendment relating to budget resolution amendment; Vitter amendment relating to termination of TARP; Coburn amendment relating to donations; Thune amendment relating to government ownership plan; Isakson amendment relating to home purchases; provided further, that upon disposition of the listed amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S8888**

**Travel Promotion Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, Senate resume consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Dorgan Amendment No. 1347 to S. 1023, Travel Promotion Act, and that the motion to proceed be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be agreed to; Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dorgan Amendment No. 1347, and that if cloture is invoked on the amendment, post-cloture time be considered to have begun at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2009; provided further, that at the end of post-cloture time, the amendment be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S8888**

**Zero Tolerance for Veterans Homelessness Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 1547, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Sotomayor Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Thursday, August 6, 2009, and that the time until 2 p.m., be divided equally in alternating one hour blocks with the Republicans controlling the first hour; that at 2 p.m., the time be divided fifteen minutes each as follows: Senator Sessions, Senator Leahy, Senator McConnell and Senator Reid, in that order; provided further, that at 3 p.m., without further intervening action or debate, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** Page S8863, S8786

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, August 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8890.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTISM RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine autism research, treatments and interventions, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, and Chair, Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee, Department of Health and Human Services; Geraldine Dawson, Autism Speaks, Charlotte, North Carolina; Josh Cobbs, Iowa Autism Council, Sioux City; Nicole Akins Boyd, Mississippi Autism Task Force, Oxford; David H. Miller, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale; and Dana Halvorson, BEAT—Biological Education for Autism Treatments, Ankeny, Iowa.

### CREDIT RATING AGENCIES REGULATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to enhance the regulation of credit rating agencies, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Barr, Assistant Secretary for the Treasury for Financial Institutions; and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, Lawrence J. White, New York University Stern School of Business, Stephen W. Joynt, Fitch Ratings, James H. Gellert, Rapid Ratings International, Inc., and Mark Froeba, PF2 Securities Evaluations, Inc, all of New York, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dennis F. Hightower, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Robert S. Adler, of North Carolina, and Anne M. Northup, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, both to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1078, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and

to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 30, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information;

S. 251, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit targeted interference with mobile radio services within prison facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 952, to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, and Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, all of the Department of Transportation, Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Dennis F. Hightower, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Robert S. Adler, of North Carolina, and Anne M. Northup, of Kentucky, both to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and a routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David C.

Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kelvin J. Cochran, to be Administrator, United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### FEDERAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine S. 736, to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; David A. Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration; Elaine C. Duke, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management; William P. McNally, Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; John R. Bashista, Deputy Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy; and Deidre A. Lee, Professional Services Council, Washington, D.C.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 172.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the relationship between network airlines and regional airlines, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine waste, fraud, and abuse in the SBIR Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012, Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, and Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider the nominations of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the

Office of Environmental Quality, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine climate change and clean energy, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1011, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Carter M. Stewart, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and David Edward Demag, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, business meeting to continue consideration of pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

#### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing to examine Moldova's recent elections, 10 a.m., SVC-202/203.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 6

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Tuesday, September 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 3 p.m; following which, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3435, CAR Save Program Supplemental Appropriations Act, vote on or in relation to various amendments, and passage of the bill.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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