

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Designate Paul Grattan Kirk, Jr., of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1715–1721, and S. Res. 288–289. **Page S9868–69**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 110th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 111–81)

S. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–80) **Page S9868**

Measures Passed:

National Mesothelioma Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, designating September 26, 2009, as “National Mesothelioma Awareness Day”. **Page S9866**

VA Medical Facility Leases: Senate passed S. 1717, to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010. **Pages S9889–90**

Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9890**

Reid (for Landrieu/Snowe) Amendment No. 2556, to improve the bill. **Page S9890**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S9861–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. **Page S9892**

Viken Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey L. Viken, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and that there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination; with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member, or their designees; and that at 5:30 p.m., on September 29, 2009, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S9890**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
 - 46 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 - 4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
 - 8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S9892–94**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marisa Lago, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Stephanie M. Rose, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Richard G. Callahan, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Michael W. Cotter, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Robert R. King, of Virginia, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador.

Linda Gore Ross, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9892.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held a closed briefing with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine Iran's nuclear program.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3650–3658; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 191; and H. Res. 779–781 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9999–H10000

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H9963

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Pastor motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Pages H9969–70

Agreed to the Frelinghuysen motion to instruct conferees on the bill by voice vote. Pages H9969–70

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Visclosky, Edwards (TX), Pastor (AZ), Berry, Fattah, Israel, Ryan (OH), Olver, Davis (TN), Salazar, Obey, Frelinghuysen, Wamp, Simpson, Rehberg, Calvert, Alexander, and Lewis (CA). Page H9970

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010—

Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 739.

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H. Res. 772, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 738.

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Agreed to the McGovern amendment to the rule by voice vote, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. Page H9969

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 772, H. Con. Res. 191, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2918, is adopted. **Page H9977**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th for morning hour debate. **Page H9979**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and a message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page S9977.

Senate Referrals: S. 1599 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 832 and S. 1707 were held at the desk. **Page H9996**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9970, H9976. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 1207, Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 28 through October 3, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 1:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act. Also, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey L. Viken, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota at 4:30 p.m., and after 60 minutes of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Edward M. Avalos, and Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: September 29, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to resume hearings to examine the use, impact, and accomplishments of Federal appropriations provided to improve the education of children in the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 29, to hold hearings to examine strengthening and streamlining Prudential Bank supervision, 2 p.m., SD-538.

September 30, Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine international cooperation to modernize financial regulation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 1, to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

October 1, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, including for natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 29, Subcommittee on Children's Health, to hold hearings to examine promoting and improving children's health protections, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 29, business meeting to resume consideration of an original bill entitled "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 30, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine exploring United States policy options toward Zimbabwe's transition, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

September 30, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy

toward Burma, focusing on its impact and effectiveness, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan's impact on Pakistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine violence against women, focusing on global costs and consequences, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 30, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and the nominations of Brenda Dann-Messier, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, and Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 29, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving transparency and accessibility of federal contracting databases, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Daniel I. Werfel, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 5:30 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine eight years after 9/11, focusing on confronting the terrorist threat to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 30, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine controlled substance abuse in Medicaid, 3 p.m., SD-342.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David S. Ferriero, of North Carolina, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 29, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine body building products and hidden steroids, focusing on enforcement barriers, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine advancing freedom of information in the New Era of Responsibility, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 30, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine responding to the growing need for federal judgeships, focusing on the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security

letters, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and the nominations of Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Charlene Edwards Honeywell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 30, to hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 1, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: September 30, to hold hearings to examine how successful health systems keep costs low and quality high, 11 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 30, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review the implementation of the research title of the 2008 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 30, hearing on the status of ongoing U.S. efforts in Iraq, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

October 1, hearing on the President's new plan for missile defenses in Europe and the implications for international security, 9 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 30, hearing on Teacher Equity: Effective Teachers for All Children, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 1, hearing on Ensuring Economic Opportunities for Young Americans, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce October 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009 and H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 30, hearing entitled "Perspectives on the Consumer Financial Protection Agency," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Reforming Credit Rating Agencies," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 1, full Committee, hearing entitled "Federal Reserve Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals," 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 1, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the Afghan Elections: Who Lost What? 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 30, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "The Future of the Registered Traveler Program," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 1, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Preparedness: State of Citizen and Community Preparedness," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 29, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Crime Victims Rights Act of 2004, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Cyberbullying and other Online Safety Issues for Children, including the following bills: H.R. 1966, Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act; and H.R. 3630, Adolescent Web Awareness Requires Education Act, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 30, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2489, AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act; H.R. 1471, To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Part, and for other purposes; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3537, Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3433, To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1065, White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009; H.R. 3254, Taos Pueblo Indian Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 3342, Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bill: H.R. 86, To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; H.R. 118, To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; H.R. 1925, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 2689, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2781, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 2888, Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 29, hearing entitled "The Administration's Flu Vaccine Program: Health, Safety and Distribution," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 30, hearing entitled "Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "Requirements and Compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Transnational Drug Enterprises Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security from Southwest Asia, Latin America, and West Africa," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, September 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to consider the following measures: Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 3585, Solar Technology Roadmap Act; and H.R. 3598, Energy and Water Research Integration Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Finding the Building Blocks of the Universe, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Department of Homeland Security's R&D Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 30, hearing entitled "Expiring Tax Incentives: Examining Their Importance for Small Businesses on the Road to an Economic Recovery," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 29, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Final Breakthrough on the Billion Dollar Katrina Infrastructure Logjam: How Is It Working? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on A Review of the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue Mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on This is NOT a Test: Will the Nation's Emergency Alert System Deliver the President's Message to the Public? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 1, full committee, hearing on Recovery Act: 225-Day Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 30, hearing on Energy Efficiency at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Car Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1036, Veterans Physical Therapy Services Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2504, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 2559, Help Our Homeless Veterans Act; H.R. 2735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to the comprehensive service program for homeless veterans; H.R. 3073, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless; H.R. 3441, To provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system; and a Draft Discussion on

Homelessness and Graduate Psychology Education, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 1, hearing on funding levels of defined benefit pension plans and the rules that apply to investment advice, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 30, Subcommittee on Terrorism. Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

October 1, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Update on Security Clearance Reform, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 29, to hold hearings to examine the Western Balkans, focusing on policy responses to today's challenges, including current United States and the European Union efforts to maintain stability in the Western Balkans and prepare the countries of the region for European and Euro-Atlantic integration, 10:30 a.m., SVC-212/210.

Joint Economic Committee: October 2, to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Joint Economic Committee: September 30, to hold hearings to examine women and the economy, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act. Also, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey L. Viken, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota at 4:30 p.m., and after 60 minutes of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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