

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3548, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11063–S11130

Measures Introduced: Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2726–2730, and S. Res. 333–337. **Page S11118**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the “John ‘Bud’ Hawk Post Office”.

H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the “Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office”.

H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins.

H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the “Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the “John J. Shivnen Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office”.

H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Lim Poon Lee Post Office”.

H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the “Rex E. Lee Post Office Building”.

S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees.

S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms. **Page S11118**

Measures Passed:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 334), Senate passed H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11077–S11103**

Adopted:

Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11077**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 2713 (to Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S11077**

Reid Amendment No. 2714 (to Amendment No. 2713), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11077**

Reid Amendment No. 2715 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S11077**

Reid Amendment No. 2716 (to Amendment No. 2715), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11077**

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

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 333), 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 bill. **Page S11080**

National Military Family Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 336, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November 2009 as “National Military Family Month”.

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 5, 2009, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and consider the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the committee-reported substitute amendment; that the motion to proceed be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and that prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment, there be 40 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled as follows: 20 minutes under the control of Senator Vitter, and 20 minutes total for Senators Mikulski and Shelby; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment.

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Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of H.R. 2847, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and that immediately after the bill is reported, Senator Johnson, or his designee, be recognized to call up the substitute amendment, which is the text of S. 1407, the Senate committee-reported bill.

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National Metro Safety Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of S. 1560, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish national safety standards for transit agencies operating heavy rail on fixed guideway, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Kumar Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Suresh Kumar, of New Jer-

sey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received in the Senate on October 29, 2009 and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on November 2, 2009 be jointly referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Page S11130

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Tara Jeanne O’Toole, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. Pages S11103–05, S11130

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

John Gibbons, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Robert William Heun, of Alaska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—334)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S11130.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the future of ocean governance, focusing on building national ocean policy, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Laura Davis, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; and Dennis Takahashi-Kelso, Ocean Conservancy, Matthew Paxton, Ball Janik, on behalf of the Coastal Conservation Association, and Carolyn Elefant, Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the "Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site", S. 1413, to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, S. 1767 and H.R. 1121, bills to authorize a land exchange to acquire land for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, S. Res. 275, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes

National Lakeshore, after receiving testimony from Senator Kirk; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued consideration of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 5.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, who was introduced by Senator Enzi, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, and Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, and Gustavo Arnavat, of New York, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using