

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2880–2881, and S.J. Res. 374–375. **Page S13190**

Measures Passed:

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications. **Page S13201**

Second Session of the 111th Congress Convening Day: Senate passed H.J. Res. 62, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13201**

Honoring Stefanie Spielman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 375, honoring the life and service of breast cancer advocate, Stefanie Spielman. **Page S13202**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Daniel Blumenthal of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011. **Page S13202**

United States-China Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the United States-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Bond. **Page S13202**

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement

was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, and following the Leader's time, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and there then be a period of five hours of debate, with the time divided as follows: two hours equally divided between Senators Baucus and Crapo, or their designees; and two hours equally divided between Senators Dorgan and Lautenberg, or their designees, and one hour under the control of the Republican Leader, or his designee; that during this debate time, it be in order for Senator Baucus to offer a side-by-side amendment to the Crapo motion to commit; and Senator Lautenberg be recognized to offer Amendment No. 3156, as a side-by-side to Dorgan-McCain Amendment No. 2793, as modified; that no further amendments or motions be in order during the pendency of this agreement, except as noted in this agreement; that upon the use or yielding back of all time, Senate vote on or in relation to the aforementioned amendments and motion in this order: Baucus, Crapo, Dorgan, and Lautenberg; with each subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold, and that if they achieve that threshold, then they be agreed to; that if they do not achieve that threshold they then be withdrawn; provided further, that the cloture motion with respect to the Crapo motion be withdrawn; provided further, that upon disposition of the above referenced amendments and motion; the next two Senators to be recognized to offer a motion and amendment be Senator Hutchison to offer a motion to commit regarding taxes and implementation, and Senator Sanders to offer Amendment No. 2837; that no amendments be in order to the Hutchison motion or Sanders Amendment No. 2837; that upon their disposition, the Majority Leader be recognized.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Page S13192
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 Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, De-

ember 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13202.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4301–4307; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 63; and H.Res. 969 were introduced. Page H14877

Additional Cosponsors: Page H14877

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–373, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1084, to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe a standard to preclude commercials from being broadcast at louder volumes than the program material they accompany, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–374); and

H.R. 1147, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–375). Pages H14876–77

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H14829

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H14830

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:04 p.m. Pages H14830–31

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act: H.R. 4284, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act; Pages H14831–35

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2009: S. 303, amended, to reau-

thorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999;

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Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month: H. Res. 779, amended, to recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 341 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 969; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the importance of youth runaway prevention and at-risk youth programs.”

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Commending the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup: H. Res. 942, to commend the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 970. Pages H14840–41, H14844

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 160, amended, to honor the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary. Pages H14841–43

Recess: The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H14843

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H14830.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14843–44, H14844. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.