

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5–S59

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2931–2941, and S. Res. 388. **Pages S51–52**

Measures Reported:

S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–114)

S. 1105, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–115)

S. 1735, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. (S. Rept. No. 111–116) **Page S51**

Measures Passed:

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 228, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S58**

Measures Considered:

Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S23–35**

Pending:

Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S23**

Baucus Amendment No. 3300 (to Amendment No. 3299), to protect Social Security. **Pages S23–28**

Thune Amendment No. 3301 (to Amendment No. 3299), to terminate authority under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Page S28**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 21, 2010. **Page S59**

Water Resources Development Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1854, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S49**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. **Page S59**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on January 23, 1995, with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–40) **Page S48**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 1), Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S13–18**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael F. Tillman, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2011.

Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2010.

Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2010.

Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Theodore Sedgwick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Robert Wedgeworth, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Carla D. Hayden, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2014.

John Coppola, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Winston Tabb, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

Milton C. Lee, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2011.

Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2010.

Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2014.

Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals for a term of six years.

Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2010.

JoAnn Lynn Balzer, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2012.

Louis B. Butler, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Jon E. DeGuilio, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Tanya Walton Pratt, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Kerry B. Harvey, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

R. Booth Goodwin II, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Stephanie A. Finley, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Gervin Kazumi Miyamoto, of Hawaii, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.

Brian Todd Underwood, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Kelly McDade Nesbit, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Peter Christopher Munoz, of Michigan, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Christopher Tobias Hoyer, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Marsha J. Rabiteau, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Hernán D. Vera, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Mary L. Smith, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Katherine Hammack, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. A routine list in the Navy.	Page S59
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1)	Page S18

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S59.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of aviation security, focusing on current system capabilities of meeting threats, after receiving testimony from Janet A. Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Michael E. Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center; and former Representative Lee Hamilton, and former Governor Tom Kean, both of the Bipartisan Policy Center National Security Preparedness Group, Washington, D.C.

YEMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Yemen, focusing on confronting Al-Qaeda, preventing state failure, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Daniel Benjamin, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, both of the Department of State; Emile Nakhleh, former Senior Intelligence Service Officer, Central Intelligence Agency; Barbara K. Bodine, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and Gregory Johnsen, Princeton University,

both of Princeton, New Jersey; and Frederick W. Kagan, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine intelligence reform, focusing on the lessons and implications of the attack on flight 253 on December 25, 2009, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Leiter, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, and Dennis C. Blair, Director of National Intelligence, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Janet A. Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joshua Gotbaum, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IMPROVING EFFECTIVE ANTI-TERRORISM TOOLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's safety, focusing on improving the effectiveness of anti-terrorism tools and inter-agency communication, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary of State for Management; and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nancy D. Freudenthal, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, who was introduced by Senators Enzi and Barrasso, Denzil Price Marshall Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Pryor and Lincoln, Benita Y. Pearson, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator Brown, Timothy S. Black, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator Brown, and James P. Lynch, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.