

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2673–S2713

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3261–3267, S. Res. 501–502, and S. Con. Res. 61. **Page S2708**

Measures Passed:

National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 498, designating April 2010 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2712**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 501, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. **Pages S2712–13**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices. **Pages S2680–S2707**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 29, 2010. **Page S2707**

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

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By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 126), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not

voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2697–98**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, with the time until 12:20 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12:20 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2707**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—126) **Pages S2697–98**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2713.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PROMOTING OUR NATIONAL PARKS AS TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine promoting our national parks as travel destinations, after receiving testimony from Michael M. Ward, Superintendent, Voyageurs National Park, National

Park Service, and Will Shafroth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, both of the Department of the Interior; Diane Shober, Wyoming Director of Tourism, Cheyenne; Ken Burns, Florentine Films, Walpole, New Hampshire; Scott Bacher, Carlsbad, New Mexico; and Clyde Butcher, Venice, Florida.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Shaheen and Brown (MA), both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 745 and H.R. 2265, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, S. 1138 and H.R. 2442, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, S. 1573 and H.R. 2741, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, S. 3099, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, S. 3100, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch, H.R. 325, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project, H.R. 637, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, H.R. 1120, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, H.R. 1393, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and

H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, after receiving testimony from Kira L. Finkler, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Timothy Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento; and Ed Brookshier, City of Hermiston, Oregon.

WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine collaborative solutions to wildlife and habitat management, after receiving testimony from Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Endangered Species, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Robyn Miller, Nature Conservancy, Boise, Idaho; Jeff Benoit, Restore America's Estuaries, Arlington, Virginia; and Debbie Straughn, Grove Valley Elementary School, Edmond, Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2971, to authorize certain authorities by the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3087, to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Department of State.

WALL STREET AND THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of investment banks, after receiving testimony from Josh Birnbaum, Tilden Park Capital Management, and Michael Swenson, David A. Viniar, Craig Broderick, and Lloyd C. Blankfein, all of New York, New York, and Fabrice Tourre, London, England, all of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc; and Daniel L. Sparks, New Canaan, Connecticut.

ENFORCING SAFETY IN MINES AND OTHER DANGEROUS WORKPLACES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting safety first, focusing on strengthening enforcement and creating a culture of compliance at mines and other dangerous workplaces, after receiving testimony from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary for

Mine Safety and Health, and David Michaels, Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, both of the Department of Labor; Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), Triangle, Virginia; Jeffrey Harris, Patriot Coal Company, Farley, West Virginia; Wes Addington, Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, Whitesburg, Kentucky; Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association (NMA), Washington, D.C.; Peg Seminario, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrialized Organizations (AFL-CIO) Bethesda, Maryland; Michael Brandt, American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), Los Alamos, New Mexico; Kelli Heflin, Scott's Liquid Gold, Denver, Colorado; and Holly Shaw, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

SMALL BUSINESS INTERNET ACCESS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal efforts to expand small business Internet access, after

receiving testimony from former Senator Gordon H. Smith, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; former Representative Steve Largent, on behalf of CTIA—The Wireless Association; Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; Susan Walthall, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, and Sean J. Greene, Associate Administrator for Investment, both of the Small Business Administration; Terry Huval, Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, Lafayette, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; and Steve Friedman, American Cable Association, and Thomas A. Gerke, CenturyLink, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5143–5158; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 268–269; and H. Res. 1301–1304 were introduced. **Pages H2935–36**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2936–37**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 1300, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5013) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system (H. Rept. 111–467). **Page H2935**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2879**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2882**

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

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the

Small Business Investment Act of 1958: S. 3253, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; **Pages H2895–96**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Day: H. Res. 1240, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Day; **Pages H2896–98**

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month: H. Res. 1293, amended, to express support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month; **Pages H2898–99**

Expressing support for designation of the week of April 18, 2010, through April 23, 2010, as National Assistant Principals Week: H. Res. 1131, amended, to express support for designation of the week of April 18, 2010, through April 23, 2010, as National Assistant Principals Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 224; **Pages H2899–H2900, H2912–13**