

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8963–S10233

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4025–4026, and S. Res. 701. **Page S9022**

Measures Reported:

S. 674, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–364)

S. 3335, to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public website for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–365)

H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges. (S. Rept. No. 111–366)

H.R. 5282, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities. (S. Rept. No. 111–367)

S. 1078, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1481, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, with amendments.

S. 3490, to clarify the rights and responsibilities of Federal entities in the spectrum relocation process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3614, to authorize the establishment of a Maritime Center of Expertise for Maritime Oil Spill and Hazardous Substance Release Response, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9021**

Measures Passed:

Preserving Foreign Criminal Assets for Forfeiture Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4005, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the proceeds or instrumentalities of foreign crime located in the United States from being shielded from foreign forfeiture proceedings, and the bill was then passed. **Page S10232**

House Message:

Airport and Airway Extension Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8964–S9021**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8964**

Reid Amendment No. 4754 (to Amendment No. 4753), to change the enactment date. **Page S8964**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be considered expired when the Senate resumes consideration of the House message with respect to H.R. 4853, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, except for the time provided under this agreement, and there be 1 hour remaining for debate, divided as follows: 10 minutes each under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees; Senators DeMint, Coburn, Landrieu, and Sanders; that the following be the only motions to suspend the rules in order during

the duration of this agreement: Coburn motion to suspend with respect to amendment no. 4765; DeMint motion to suspend with respect to amendment no. 4804; Sanders motion to suspend with respect to amendment no. 4809; further, that upon the use or yielding back of all time, Senate vote on disposition of the motions in the order listed; that upon disposition of the listed motions, no further motions or amendments be in order; further, that if any motion is successful, then the second-degree amendment be withdrawn and Senate vote immediately on the amendment covered under any successful motion; that if no motion is successful, the second-degree amendment be withdrawn, and without further intervening action or debate, Senate vote on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), (listed above); that upon disposition of the House message, Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 2:15 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. **Page S9015**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senator Voinovich be recognized at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, to bid farewell to the Senate for up to 20 minutes; further, that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, Senator Specter be recognized to deliver his farewell to the Senate; provided further, that on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, upon the conclusion of the vote on proceeding to Executive Session, Senate return to Legislative Session in order for Senator Lincoln to say farewell to the Senate; that at the conclusion of her remarks and any of her colleagues, Senate then resume executive session at the same status prior to Senator Lincoln's recognition in legislative session. **Page S9021**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

December 15, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10233.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Littoral Combat Ship acquisition in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Secretary, Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition, Admiral Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Rear Admiral Frank C. Pandolfe, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division OPNAV N86, all of the Navy, Department of Defense; Eric J. Labs, Senior Analyst for Naval Forces and Weapons, Congressional Budget Office; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Paul L. Francis, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joseph A. Smith, Jr., of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 3688, to establish an international professional exchange program;

S. 1633, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3798, to authorize appropriations of United States assistance to help eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the United States national interest in helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 680, supporting international tiger conservation efforts and the upcoming Global Tiger Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, with amendments;

S. 2982, to combat international violence against women and girls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S.J. Res. 37, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110–23), with one declaration;

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–19), with one understanding and one declaration; and

The nominations of Thomas R. Nides, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for International

Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Gregory J. Nickels, of Washington, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Carol Fulp, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Jeanne Shaheen, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Roger F. Wicker, of Mississippi, to be a Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and James Franklin Jeffrey, Nancy J. Powell, and Earl A. Wayne, all for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period, all of the Department of State, Paige Eve Alexander, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Alan J. Patricof, of New York, and Mark Green, of Wisconsin, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and Kevin Glenn Nealer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and a routine list in the Foreign Service.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6519–6521; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1759–1762 were introduced. **Page H8353**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8353**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 848, to provide parity in radio performance rights under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–680). **Page H8353**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Peters to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8295**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8297**

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

Amending the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated

Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land: S. 1448, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land; **Pages H8298–99**

Amending the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes: S. 2906, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes; **Pages H8299–H8300**

Hob Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe and to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe; **Pages H8300–02**

Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act: S. 1609, to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector;

Pages H8302–04

Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site Designation Act: S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the “Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 364 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 628;

Pages H8304–05, H8329–30

FOR VETS Act of 2010: S. 3794, to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to include organizations whose membership comprises substantially veterans as recipient organizations for the donation of Federal surplus personal property through State agencies;

Pages H8307–08

Museum and Library Services Act of 2010: S. 3984, to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act;

Pages H8318–21

National Foundation on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition Establishment Act: S. 1275, to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports;

Pages H8321–24

Directing the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas: H.R. 6510, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 363 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 630; and

Pages H8326–28, H8330–31

Making technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010: H.R. 6516, to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

Pages H8328–29

Recess: The House recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Census Oversight Efficiency and Management Reform Act of 2010: S. 3167, to amend title 13 of the United States Code to provide for a 5-year term of office for the Director of the Census and to provide for the authority and duties of the Director and Deputy Director of the Census, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 629.

Pages H8311–18, H8330

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

Recognizing the 45th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program: S. Con. Res. 72, to recognize the 45th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program;

Pages H8305–06

Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6205, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office”;

Pages H8306–07

Congratulating Gerda Weissmann Klein on being selected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom: H. Res. 1743, amended, to congratulate Gerda Weissmann Klein on being selected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom;

Pages H8308–10

Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the “Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office”; and

Pages H8310–11

Expressing support for designation of January 23rd as “Ed Roberts Day”: H. Res. 1759, to express support for designation of January 23rd as “Ed Roberts Day”.

Pages H8324–25

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today and a message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8308, H8318 and H8328.

Senate Referrals: S. 2902 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 3447 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services and Budget; S. Con. Res. 77 and S. 372 were held at the desk.

Pages H8308, H8351

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8329–30, H8330 and H8331.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1182)

S. 3307, to reauthorize child nutrition programs. Signed on December 13, 2010. (Public Law 111–296)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2010**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: Business meeting to consider the nomination of Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security

Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review implementation of provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to position limits, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, To continue hearings on Foreclosed Justice: Causes and Effects of the Foreclosure Crisis—Part II, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Executive, briefing on Counterterrorism Update, 3 p.m., 304–HVC.

Subcommittee Intelligence Community Management, Executive, briefing on Outside Employment in the Intelligence Community, 1 p.m., 304–HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senator Bayh to deliver his farewell remarks at 10 a.m., and Senator Voinovich to deliver his farewell remarks at 10:30 a.m.; following which, Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4853, Airport and Airway Extension Act, with a series of up to 4 rollcall votes at 12 noon. Senators should expect a vote on the motion to proceed to executive session to consider the START Treaty at 2:15 p.m., to be followed by Senator Lincoln's farewell speech.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 15

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) S. 3036—National Alzheimer's Project Act; (2) H. Res. 1600—Supporting the critical role of the physician assistant profession and supporting the goals and ideals of National Physician Assistant Week; (3) S. 30—Truth in Caller ID Act; (4) S. 3386—Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act; (5) S. 3199—Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act; (6) H. Res.—Supporting a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and condemning unilateral declarations of a Palestinian state; (7) S. 987—International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act; (8) H. Res. 20—Calling on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a "Country of Particular Concern" with respect to religious freedom; (9) H. Res. 1757—Providing for the approval of final regulations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998; (10) H. Res. 1377—Honoring the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta; (11) S. 3860—A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery; and (12) H.R. 4337—Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act.



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