

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1879–S1906*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 653–658, and S. Res. 109–110. **Page S1894**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary During the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–5)

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 111th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 112–6)

S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads. **Page S1894**

#### Measures Considered:

**SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1883–88**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 183, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change. **Page S1883**

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S1883**

Inhofe (for Johanns) Amendment No. 161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments. **Page S1883**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S1883**

Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011.

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Sanders Amendment No. 207, to establish a point of order against any efforts to reduce benefits paid to Social Security recipients, raise the retirement age, or create private retirement accounts under title II of the Social Security Act. **Page S1884**

Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S1884**

Coburn Amendment No. 184, to provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency. **Page S1884**

Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns. **Page S1884**

Landrieu Amendment No. 244 (to Amendment No. 183), to change the enactment date. **Page S1884**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. **Page S1906**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 46), Mae A. D’Agostino, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Pages S1888–91, S1906**

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Pages S1905–06**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1892–94**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1894–96**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S1896–S1900**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1891–92**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1900–05**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: Page S1905

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.  
(Total—46) Page S1891

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1906.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 30.

## House

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D191)

H.J. Res. 48, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. Signed on March 18, 2011. (Public Law 112-6)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* To hold hearings to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* To hold an oversight hearing to examine disease clusters and environmental health, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New

York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Senior Executive Service, focusing on a review of challenges facing the government's Leadership Corps, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine tools to prevent Department of Defense cost overruns, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine protecting the civil rights of American Muslims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 29 through April 2, 2011

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 30, to hold hearings to examine fundamentals and farming, focusing on evaluating high gas prices and how new rules and innovative farming can help, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine nuclear safety in light of the impact of natural disasters on Japanese nuclear facilities, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 30, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget