

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9301–S9334

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1664–1668, and S. Res. 263–265. **Page S9326**

Measures Reported:

S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–75) **Page S9324**

Measures Passed:

Kennedy Caucus Room: Senate agreed to S. Res. 264, designating the Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building as the "Kennedy Caucus Room". **Pages S9318–19**

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse 100th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 258, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9333**

Honoring Fallen Firefighters in Southern California: Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, honoring the firefighters who sacrificed their lives while battling the Station Fire in southern California in August 2009. **Page S9333**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 83 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 275), Johanns Modified Amendment No. 2355, prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S9308–18**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. **Page S9334**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Rockefeller, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Senator Cantwell, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S9334**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Barbara J. Bennett, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Barbara Short Haskew, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2014.

Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia.

Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
 Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S9333

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
 (Total—275) Pages S9317–18

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9334.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTH EFFECTS OF CELL PHONE USE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related

Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the health effects of cell phone use, after receiving testimony from John R. Bucher, Associate Director, National Toxicology Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Dariusz Leszczynski, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Helsinki, Finland; Siegal Sadetzki, Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Israel; Linda S. Erdreich, Exponent, New York, New York; Devra Lee Davis, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Olga V. Naidenko, Environmental Working Group, Washington, D.C.

CYBER ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cyber attacks, focusing on protecting industry against growing threats, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Merritt, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, United States Secret Service, and Philip Reiting, Deputy Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Robert Carr, Heartland Payment Systems, Princeton, New Jersey; and William B. Nelson, The Financial Services Information Sharing & Analysis Center, Leesburg, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3556–3562; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183–184; and H. Res. 737–743 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9491–92

Report Filed: A report was filed on September 11, 2009 as follows:

H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–254).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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

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

Recommending that the United States Constitution be taught to high school students throughout the Nation in September of their senior year: H. Res. 686, amended, to recommend that the United States Constitution be taught to high school students throughout the Nation in September of their senior year;

Pages H9447–49

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week should be established: H. Res. 737, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week should be established;

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Recognizing the significant contribution coaches make in the life of children who participate in organized sports and supporting the goals and ideals of National Coaches Appreciation Week: H. Res. 6, to recognize the significant contribution coaches make in the life of children who participate in organized sports and to support the goals and ideals of National Coaches Appreciation Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 696; **Pages H9450–52, H9462–63**

Expressing support for designation of “National Safety Month”: H. Res. 459, to express support for designation of “National Safety Month”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 697; **Pages H9452–53, H9463–64**

Supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability: H. Con. Res. 59, amended, to support the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 387 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 698; **Pages H9453–55, H9464**

Expressing the importance of swimming lessons and recognizing the danger of drowning in the United States, especially among minority children: H. Res. 57, amended, to express the importance of swimming lessons and to recognize the danger of drowning in the United States, especially among minority children; and **Pages H9457–59**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the persistently high rates of drowning fatalities among children.”. **Page H9459**

Recognizing the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994: H. Res. 738, to recognize the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. **Pages H9459–62**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H9462**

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

Supporting efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States: H. Res. 260, amended, to support efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States. **Pages H9455–57**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9462–63, H9463–64, H9464. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael G. Mullen, for reappointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reappointment to the grade of admiral, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Hudson River midair collision and the safety of air operations in congested space, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine potential costs and price volatility in the energy sector, focusing on the greenhouse gas trading program, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine unemployment insurance benefits, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, and Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.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 security clearance reform, focusing on modernization, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine human rights, focusing on mental illness in United States prisons and jails, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing to review the nation's readiness for the probable surge of cases of seasonal and pandemic H1N1 influenza, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Mandatory Binding Arbitration: Is It Fair and Voluntary? 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization

and Procurement, hearing entitled “Investment Management and Acquisition Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security,” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009; and H.R. 3246, Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Options and Issues for NASA’s Human Space Flight Program: Re-

port of the “Review of U.S. Human Space Flight Plans” Committee 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing to review implementation of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P. L. 110-351), 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on FBI Counterterrorism Issues, 3:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3146—21 Century FHA Housing Act of 2009; (2) H.R. 2947—Securities Law Technical Corrections Act; (3) H.R. 3527—FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act; (4) H. Res. 215—Congratulating the Minority Business Development Agency on its 40th anniversary; (5) H.R. 3179—SIG TARP Small Business Awareness Act; (6) H. Res. 317—Recognizing the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to Columbia, Missouri, as the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor; (7) H. Con. Res. 95—Recognizing the importance of the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Experimental Forests and Ranges; (8) H.R. 511—To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village; (9) H.R. 3175—To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida; (10) H.R. 940—To provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; (11) H. Res. 81—Recognizing the importance and sustainability of the United States hardwoods industry; (12) H.R. 1002—Pisgah National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act; (13) H.R. 3386—The “Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office” Designation Act; (14) H. Res. 679—Supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day; (15) H.R. 3137—To provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques; and (16) H.R. 22—To allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants’ health benefits out of the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund.

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