

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8559–S8606

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4011–4014, and S. Res. 696. **Page S8599**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2142, To require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act: Senate passed S. 3199, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Museum and Library Services Act: Senate passed S. 3984, to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act.

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Truth in Fur Labeling Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2480, to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and the bill was then passed.

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Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 6184, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to extend and modify the program allowing the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits.

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Minority Party Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 696, making minority party ap-

pointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress. **Page S8605**

Impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, resumed consideration of the articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana, taking the following action:

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The Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives and Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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Senator Kirk was recused from further participation in the impeachment for the reasons stated.

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The President pro tempore administered the impeachment oath to the other newly elected Members of the Senate, and any Member of the Senate who did not take the oath when the articles of impeachment were first exhibited.

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In accordance with impeachment Rule XI, the testimony and other evidence reported by the committee will be considered as having been received and taken before the Senate.

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Subsequently, Senate proceeded to hear argument on the motions.

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Pursuant to Impeachment Rule XX, Senate met in closed session to commence deliberations on the motions and impeachment articles.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, upon the conclusion of the impeachment trial, Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair; that upon reconvening, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3991, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act; and the time until 12:30 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 12:30 p.m., Senate stand in recess

until 3:30 p.m., that upon reconvening at 3:30 p.m., there be an additional 30 minutes of debate, divided as specified above; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3991; provided further, that if there are back to back votes with respect to the cloture motions, that there be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to each vote.

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Executive Communications: Pages S8598–99

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S8599–S8600

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: Pages S8600–01

Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today.
(Total—7) Pages S8558, S8576

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6496–6498; 1 private bill, H.R. 6499; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1751, 1753–1754, were introduced. Page H8089

Additional Cosponsors: Page H8089

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3655, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to establish rules to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices related to the provision of funeral services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–672);

H.R. 4501, to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers and solicit such transactions through an Internet website, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–673); and

H. Res. 1752, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–674). Page H8089

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Farr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8035

Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H8037

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

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month: H. Res.

1687, to recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month;

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Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 608; Pages H8040, H8067

Recognizing the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia: H. Res. 1642, to recognize the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia and to support the goals and ideals of a City of Lilburn Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 609; Pages H8040–42, H8067–68

Recognizing Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world: H. Res. 1727, to recognize Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and to commend members on their dedication to the mission and principles of their organization;

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Expressing support for the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month: H. Res. 1264, to express support for the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 610; Pages H8043–44, H8068–69

Mourning the loss of life and expressing condolences to the families affected by the tragic forest fire in Israel that began on December 2, 2010: H. Res. 1751, to mourn the loss of life and to express