

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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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.

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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;