

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10681–S10777

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 13, 16–20, 3709–3717, S. Res. 710–720, and S. Con. Res. 106.

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Measures Passed:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 6867, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, clearing the measure for the President.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 214), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Dr. Walter Carl Gordon, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6859, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Slappey Boulevard in Albany, Georgia, as the “Dr. Walter Carl Gordon, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3681, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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Federal Judiciary Cost of Living Adjustment: Senate passed S. 3711, to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary.

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Technical Correction: Senate passed S. 3712, to make a technical correction in the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

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Short-term Analog Flash and Emergency Readiness Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 3663, to require the Federal Communications Commission to provide for a short-term extension of the analog television broadcasting authority so that essential public safety announcements and digital television transition information may be provided for a short time during the transition to digital television broadcasting, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Dorgan (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 5698, to provide for the short-term partial extension of analog broadcasting.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 435, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall on December 2, 2008, for ceremonies and activities held in connection with the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center to the public.

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Bluefin Tuna Conservation: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 709, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should pursue the adoption of bluefin tuna conservation and management measures at the 16th Special Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Stoning Death in Somalia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 711, condemning the tragic and senseless death by stoning of a 13-year-old girl from Somalia.

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Congratulating Philadelphia Phillies: Senate agreed to S. Res. 712, congratulating the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 World Series.

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Democratic Republic of Congo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 713, calling on all parties to the escalating violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to implement an immediate ceasefire and work with

the support of the international community toward a comprehensive and lasting solution to the crisis.

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Honoring California Firefighters and Emergency Workers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 714, honoring the firefighters and emergency workers who courageously fought fires in California in 2008.

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Senate National Security Working Group Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 715, extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group.

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Measures Considered:

Advancing America's Priorities Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Peter Videnieks of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2010.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 20, 2008, the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Tributes to Retiring Senators—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order from September 27, 2008 regarding tributes to retiring Senators be modified so that Senators be permitted to submit such tributes for inclusion in a Senate document until Friday, December 12, 2008.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary

conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate meet the following days and times for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted: Monday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, November 26 at 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 29 at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, December 5 at 11 a.m.; that when Senate recesses on Friday, December 5, 2008, it stand in recess until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2008; that following the prayer and pledge, the journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and Senate be in a period of morning business for up to one hour with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Investment Treaty with Rwanda (Treaty Doc. No. 110–23).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to Libya.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

(Prior to this action, Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration.)

William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011.

Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Ray M. Bowen, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

France A. Cordova, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

G. P. Peterson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Alfred S. Irving, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Kathryn A. Oberly, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Barbara Ernst Prey, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral, and a Routine list, except the nomination of Robert E. Day.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine lists in the Public Health Service.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S10776**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S10757–58**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—214) **Page S10701**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10776.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 795 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.