

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 7321, Auto Industry Financing and Restructuring Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages **Page S10841–S10887**

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3725–3731, S.J. Res. 46, and S. Res. 728–729. **Page S10881**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Recognition of Excellence in Aging Research Committee Report”. (S. Rept. No. 110–527) **Pages S10880–81**

Measures Passed:

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act: Senate passed S. 3731, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110–343) to provide the Special Inspector General with additional authorities and responsibilities. **Pages S10884–85**

America’s Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6184, to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10885**

2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 196, commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10885**

Secretary of State Compensation: Senate passed S.J. Res. 46, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary

of State are those which were in effect on January 1, 2007. **Pages S10885–86**

Trafficking Victims Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 7311, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10886–87**

Measures Considered:

Advancing America’s Priorities Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America’s priorities. **Page S10859**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10859**

Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7005, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative minimum tax relief for individuals for 2008. **Page S10859**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 12, 2008. **Page S10859**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, December 11, 2008. **Page S10887**

Messages from the House: **Page S10880**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S10881**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S10881–84**

Additional Statements: **Pages S10879–80**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S10884

Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10887.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CLEAN ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investments in clean energy and natural resources projects and programs to create "green jobs"—family-supporting, middle-skill jobs in the primary sectors of a clean energy economy of efficiency, renewables, and alternative transportation and fuels, and to stimulate the economy, after receiving testimony from Mark A. Limbaugh, former Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Denis Galvin, former Deputy Director National Park Service, National Parks Conservation Association, both of the Department of the Interior; Malcolm D. Woolf, Maryland Energy Administra-

tion, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; Bracken Hendricks, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Joe Loper, Alliance to Save Energy, both of Washington, D.C.; Steven G. Hauser, GridPoint, Inc., and Kevin Book, Friedman Billings Ramsey and Company Capital Markets Corporation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Cassandra Moseley, University of Oregon Institute for a Sustainable Environment, Eugene.

PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine disease prevention and public health, focusing on transforming the health care system, after receiving testimony from Donald Wright, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Jeffrey Levi, Trust for America's Health, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth E. Thorpe, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, Atlanta, Georgia; John J. Mahoney, Pitney Bowes, Stamford, Connecticut; and Carol Hibbs, Marshalltown Community Y, Marshalltown, Iowa, on behalf of the YMCA of the USA's Activate America: Pioneering Healthier Communities.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 7321, 7325–7340; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 443; and H. Res. 1535 were introduced. Page H10975

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H10975–76

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 7322, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–919);

H.R. 7323, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–920);

H.R. 7324, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–921); and

H. Res. 1534, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7321) to authorize financial assistance to

eligible automobile manufacturers (H. Rept. 110–922). Pages H10870, H10876, H10974–75

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H10869

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 215 ayes and 170 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 686.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today. Page H10869

Recess: The House recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. Page H10870

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Larry Wortzel of Williamsburg, Virginia, to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2009. Page H10871