

Majority Party Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to S. Res. 18, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 111th Congress, the following be the order of listing:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Senators Schumer, Dodd, Byrd, Inouye, Feinstein, Durbin, Nelson (NE), Murray, Pryor, Udall and Warner.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: The last two names appear as Senators Shaheen and Hagan. **Page S794**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, January 26, 2009, following disposition of the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program. **Page S792**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2009, Senate consider the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and that there be 2 hours of debate relative to the nomination, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees; provided further, that at 6 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S792, S794**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Lisa Perez Jackson, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ray LaHood, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Transportation.

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

Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Mary L. Schapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Nancy Helen Sutley, of California, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality. **Pages S792–94, S794–95**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—14) **Pages S744–45, S758–59, S763–64, S775**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S794.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James B. Steinberg, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Jacob J. Lew, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH ISSUES AND STATES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what

States are doing to keep citizens healthy, after receiving testimony from Iowa State Senator Jack Hatch, Des Moines; L. Allen Dobson, Jr., North Carolina Community Care Networks, Inc., Raleigh, on behalf of the Community Care of North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; JudyAnn Bigby, Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services, Boston; Jonathan Fiedling, County of Los Angeles Public Health, Los

Angeles, California; and William Emmet, Campaign for Mental Health Reform, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dennis Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 626–658; 2 private bills, H.R. 659–660; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 25 and H. Res. 78–82, were introduced. **Pages H484–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H486**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 78, electing certain minority members to the following standing committees: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Cassidy. Committee on the Budget: Representative Aderholt, to rank after Representative Nunes, and Representative Harper. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Scalise. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Schock. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Smith (NE), to rank after Representative Bilbray. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representatives Guthrie, Cao, Schock, and Olson, all to rank after Representative Latta. Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Lamborn, to rank after Representative Bilbray, and Representative Roe (TN).

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Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Maloney and Brady (TX).

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 3, relating to the disapproval of obligations under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 27.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measures which were debated on Wednesday, January 21st:

Expressing support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week": H. Res. 56, to express support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 28 and

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Commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game: H. Res. 58, to commend the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 399 yeas to 5 noes with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 29.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 80, electing the following Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representatives Zoe Lofgren (CA), Chairman; Representatives Chandler, Butterfield, Castor (FL), and Welch.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Becerra, Matsui, and Sam Johnson (TX).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow; and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26th.

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