

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 409–418, S. Res. 31–37, and S. Con. Res. 6. **Pages S2143–44**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 31, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 32, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 33, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 36, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building". **Page S2143**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Miami University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 35, honoring Miami University for its 200 years of commitment to public higher education. **Page S2166**

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 41, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S2166**

Recess—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate recess from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Thursday, February 12, 2009, for a ceremony honoring the 200th Anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln in the Capitol Rotunda. **Page S2166**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 62), William J. Lynn III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Pages S2103–23, S2168**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—62) **Page S2123**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2166–67.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEVILS LAKE REGION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine protecting residents of the Devils Lake region from rising water, after receiving testimony from Colonel Jon L. Christensen, District Commander, Saint Paul District, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Scott Dummer, Hydrologist-in-

Charge, North Central River Forecast Center, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Dale Frink, North Dakota State Engineer, Bismarck, on behalf of the North Dakota Water Commission; Mayor Fred Bott, Devils Lake, North Dakota; and Mayor Dennis Walaker, Fargo, North Dakota.

FINANCIAL AND HOUSING MARKETS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crises in financial and housing markets, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Dorgan, Wyden, Landrieu, Menendez, Sanders, Bayh, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Shaheen, Risch, Burr, Barrasso, Brownback, Bennett, Bunning, Sessions, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests: Senators Wyden (Chair), Johnson, Landrieu, Cantwell, Menendez, Lincoln, Udall (CO), Shaheen, Barrasso, Risch, McCain, Bennett, Sessions, and Corker.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Dorgan, Landrieu, Menendez, Lincoln, Sanders, Bayh, Stabenow, Burr, Barrasso, Brownback, McCain, Bunning, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Stabenow (Chair), Dorgan, Johnson, Cantwell, Lincoln, Sanders, Bayh, Shaheen, Brownback, Risch, McCain, Bennett, Bunning, and Sessions.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign policy implications of the global economic crisis, after receiving testimony from Niall Ferguson, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and David Gordon, The Eurasia Group, Desmond Lachman, American Enterprise Institute, Sebastian Mallaby, Council on Foreign Relations, and Douglas Rediker, The New America Foundation, all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 160, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in

the House of Representatives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 303, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999;

S. 69, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies; and

S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building".

Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Levin (Chair), Carper, Pryor, McCaskill, Tester, Bennet, Coburn, Collins, McCain, and Ensign.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia: Senators Akaka (Chair), Levin, Landrieu, Burr, Bennet, Voinovich, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security: Senators Carper (Chair), Levin, Akaka, Pryor, McCaskill, Burr, McCain, Coburn, Voinovich, and Graham.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration: Senators Pryor (Chair), Akaka, Landrieu, Tester, Bennet, Ensign, Voinovich, and Graham.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery: Senators Landrieu (Chair), McCaskill, Burr, and Graham.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight:* Senators McCaskill (Chair), Levin, Carper, Pryor, Tester, Coburn, and McCain.

*The Ranking Member for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight has not been appointed, pending designation of another Republican member to the committee. In the interim, Senator Collins will serve as the ex-officio ranking member of the subcommittee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee; and

The nomination of Hilda L. Solis, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.

FRAUD ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for increased fraud enforcement in the wake of the economic downturn, after receiving testimony from John Pistole, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Rita Glavin, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; and Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' disability compensation,

focusing on the appeals process, after receiving testimony from Bruce E. Kasold, United States Judge for the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kerry Baker, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; and Richard Paul Cohen, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., and Barton F. Stichman, National Veterans Legal Services Program, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 977–1008; 1 private bill, H.R. 1009; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21; H. Con. Res. 47–48; and H. Res. 154–156, 159–162, were introduced. **Pages H1246–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1248–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 157, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–14) and

H. Res. 158, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–15). **Page H1246**

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

Honoring John D. Dingell for holding the record as the longest serving member of the House of Representatives: H. Res. 154, to honor John D. Dingell for holding the record as the longest serving member of the House of Representatives, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 61; **Pages H1165–75, H1196**

Recognizing the historical significance of the Merced Assembly Center to the Nation: H. Res. 129, to recognize the historical significance of the Merced Assembly Center to the Nation and the importance of establishing an appropriate memorial at that site to serve as a place for remembering the hardships endured by Japanese Americans, so that the United States remains vigilant in protecting our Nation's core values of equality, due process of law, justice, and fundamental fairness; **Pages H1175–80**

National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2009: H.R. 554, to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development; **Pages H1180–88**

Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act: H.R. 631, to increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency; and **Pages H1188–91**

Produced Water Utilization Act of 2009: H.R. 469, to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization