

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2256.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection in the financial regulatory system, focusing on strengthening credit card protections, after receiving testimony from Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and Kenneth J. Clayton, American Bankers Association, all of Washington, DC; James C. Sturdevant, The Sturdevant Law Firm, San Francisco, California, on behalf of The National Association of Consumer Advocates; Lawrence M. Ausubel, University of Maryland, College Park; and Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University School of Law, Falls Church, Virginia.

BUDGET RESOLUTION/RECONCILIATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Senate procedures for consideration of the budget resolution/reconciliation, after receiving testimony from Senators Byrd and Specter; William Hennif, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; G. William Hoagland, former Staff Director, Senate Budget Committee, Fairfax, Virginia; and Robert Dove, former Senate Parliamentarian, Falls Church, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, and John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and how the delivery of services to support the deployment of clean energy technologies might be improved, after receiving testimony from David G. Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program, and Andy Karsner, former Assistant Secretary for Efficiency and Renewable Energy, both of the Department of Energy; Kevin Book, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey and Co., Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and James K. Asselstine, Barclays Capital, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: 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:

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Senators Baucus (Chair), Carper, Lautenberg, Cardin, Sanders, Klobuchar, Boxer (ex officio), Voinovich, Vitter, Barrasso, Specter, and Inhofe (ex officio).

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety: Senators Carper (Chair), Baucus, Cardin, Sanders, Merkley, Boxer (ex officio), Vitter, Voinovich, Bond, and Inhofe (ex officio).

Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Baucus, Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Gillibrand, Boxer (ex officio), Specter, Crapo, Bond, and Inhofe (ex officio).

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife: Senators Cardin (Chair), Lautenberg, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Merkley, and Boxer (ex officio).

Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy: Senators Sanders (Chair), Carper, Gillibrand, Boxer (ex officio), Bond, Voinovich, and Inhofe (ex officio).

Subcommittee on Children's Health: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Udall (NM), Merkley, Boxer (ex officio), Alexander, Specter, and Inhofe (ex officio).

Subcommittee on Oversight: Senators Whitehouse (Chair), Udall (NM), Gillibrand, Boxer (ex officio), Barrasso, Vitter, and Inhofe (ex officio).

DARFUR

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States relations with Darfur, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Carney, former United States Ambassador to Sudan, Roger P. Winter, former Special Representative on Sudan, Michael Gerson, Council on Foreign Relations, Jerry Fowler, Save Darfur Coalition, and John Prendergast, The Enough Project, all of Washington, DC.

NATIONAL AND HOMELAND SECURITY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine structuring national security and homeland security at the White House, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Ridge, former Secretary of Homeland Security; Frances Fragos Townsend, former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor to President George W. Bush; Christine E. Wormuth, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC; and James R. Locher III, Project on National Security Reform, Arlington, Virginia.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine matters relating to Indian affairs, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts: Senators Whitehouse (Chair), Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Cardin, Kaufman, Sessions, Grassley, Kyl, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights: Senators Kohl (Chair), Schumer, Whitehouse, Wyden, Klobuchar, Kaufman, Hatch, Specter, Grassley, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution: Senators Feingold (Chair), Feinstein, Durbin, Cardin, Whitehouse, Kaufman, Coburn, Specter, Graham, and Cornyn.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs: Senators Durbin (Chair), Kohl, Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Cardin, Klobuchar, Kaufman, Graham, Specter, Hatch, Grassley, Sessions, and Coburn.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 1010–1055; 2 private bills, H.R. 1056–1057; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22–24; H. Con. Res. 49–53; and H. Res. 163–167, were introduced. **Pages H1517–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1520–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–16);

H. Res. 168, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unem-

ployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–17).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1251**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Albert C. Lynch, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia. **Page H1251**

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 157, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 63. **Pages H1254–60, H1261**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Page H1260**