

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 38, Continuing Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2855–S2872*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 542–543, and S. Res. 68. **Page S2866**

#### Measures Passed:

**Continuing Resolution:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 38, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2871**

#### Measures Considered:

**Omnibus Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2856–64**

##### Pending:

Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Page S2856**

Kyl Amendment No. 631, to require the Secretary of State to certify that funds made available for reconstruction efforts in Gaza will not be diverted to Hamas or entities controlled by Hamas. **Page S2860**

Kyl Amendment No. 629, to provide that no funds may be used to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the United States. **Page S2860**

Kyl Amendment No. 630, to require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza. **Pages S2860–61**

McCain Amendment No. 593, to prohibit the use of certain funds provided in the bill. **Page S2861**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Tuesday, March 10, 2009. **Page S2860**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2009, and that the

following amendments in this agreement be the only first-degree amendments remaining in order to H.R. 1105; that no amendment be in order to any of the listed amendments prior to a vote in relation thereto; that the amendments must be offered and debated Friday, March 6, 2009; Monday, March 9, 2009; or Tuesday, March 10, 2009; provided further, that upon disposition of the amendments, and Senate has voted on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and cloture having been invoked, all post-cloture time be considered yielded back, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill: Ensign Amendment No. 615, Vitter Amendment No. 621, Sessions Amendment No. 604, McCain Amendment No. 593, Thune Amendment No. 662, Barrasso Amendment No. 637, Enzi Amendment No. 668, Kyl Amendment No. 631, Kyl Amendment No. 629, Kyl Amendment No. 630, Kyl or designee amendment relative to dues notification, Cornyn Amendment No. 673, and Bunning Amendment No. 665. **Page S2860**

**Continuing Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if and when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives, a joint resolution which provides for the continuation of government funding until Wednesday, March 11, 2009, that if it is identical to the measure which is at the desk, it be considered read three times, passed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that if it is not identical, then this order be null and void. **Page S2860**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2866**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2866**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S2866, S2870**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S2866**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2866–70**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2865–66**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S2870**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2871.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 1373–1381; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 220–221 were introduced. **Pages H3077–78**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3078**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 219, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 38) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2009 (H. Rept. 111–25). **Page H3077**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3057**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 107. **Pages H3059–60**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:13 a.m. **Page H3059**

**Order of Business:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 38) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009; such joint resolution shall be considered as read; such joint resolution shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on such joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. **Page H3059**

**Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009:** The House agreed to H. J. Res. 38, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009, by a recorded vote of 328 yeas to 50 noes, Roll No. 109. **Pages H3060–66**

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 108. **Pages H3064–66**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H3066–67**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9th for morning hour debate. **Page H3067**

**Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Dingell and Wittman. **Page H3067**

**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative McGovern to serve as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. **Page H3076**

**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Reappointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Representative Wolf as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. **Page H3976**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3059–60, H3065–66, H3066. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military: Prevention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Carolyn Collins, Program Manager, Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Program, U.S. Army; Raymond Bruneau, Manager, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program,