

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2919–S2989

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 555–566, and S. Res. 72–73. **Pages S2964–65**

Measures Passed:

Omnibus Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2920–54**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 90) Cornyn Amendment No. 673, to prevent the collection of excessive contingency legal fees by lawyers hired to protect the public interest. **Pages S2920–21, S2922–23, S2941**

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 91) Cornyn Amendment No. 674, to prohibit the use of funds to implement an Executive Order relating to employee notice of rights under Federal labor laws. **Pages S2921–22, S2936, S2941–42**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 92) Thune (and others) Amendment No. 662, to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to repromulgate the Fairness Doctrine. **Pages S2931–32, S2935–36, S2942**

Sessions Amendment No. 604, to extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years. (By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 93), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2920, S2924, S2936, S2937–38, S2942–44**

By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 94) Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Pages S2920, S2927–30, S2936–37, S2939–40, S2944–45**

Grassley (for Vitter and others) Amendment No. 621, to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress. (By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 95), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2924, S2946–47**

Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 629, to provide that no funds may be used to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the United States. **Pages S2920, S2927**

Bunning Amendment No. 665, to require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran. **Pages S2920, S2940**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 96), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S2953–54**

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011. **Pages S2954–60**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149, (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275, (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75, (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383, (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355, (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480, (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Graham. **Page S2986**

Ogden Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion relative to the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General be withdrawn; that at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General; provided further, that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that when Senate continues consideration of the nomination on Thursday, March 12, 2009, that there be two hours remaining for debate, equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use of time on Thursday, March 12, 2009, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—96) **Pages S2941–45, S2947, S2954**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2987.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from Dennis C. Blair, Director, National Intelligence; and Michael D. Maples, United States Army, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and David J. Dorsett, Director, Naval Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense.

SECURITIES MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, after receiving testimony from Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission; John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, T. Timothy Ryan, Jr., Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, and Robert Pickel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, all of New York, New York; Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, Alexandria, Virginia; Mercer E. Bullard, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford; Damon A. Silvers, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), Takoma Park, Maryland; and Thomas Doe, Municipal Market Advisors, Concord, Massachusetts.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

WATER RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 531, to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, after receiving testimony from Carl O. Bauer, Director, National Energy