

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3035–3096*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 576–594, and S. Res. 74–75. **Pages S3073–74**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3073**

#### Measures Passed:

**Omnibus Indian Advancement Act:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 338, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3091**

**Bennett Freeze:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 39, to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3091**

**Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization 10-Year Anniversary:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 60, commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3091**

**Philadelphia Zoo 150th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 75, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Philadelphia Zoo: America’s First Zoo. **Pages S3091–92**

**Authorizing Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 37, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S3092**

#### Measures Considered:

**Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act Cloture Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 146, to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. **Page S3096**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 12, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2009; provided further, that if cloture is invoked, then post-cloture time count as if cloture had been invoked at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2009, and that during any recess or adjournment period, post-cloture time continue to run. **Page S3096**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2009. **Page S3096**

#### Appointments:

**Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed the following Senators to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senator Bennett. **Page S3092**

**United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Senators Schumer and Whitehouse. **Page S3092**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 65 yeas 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 97), David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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By 72 yeas 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Page S3096

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total 98) Pages S3051, S3054

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3096.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine sustainable transportation solutions, focusing on investing in transit to meet 21st century challenges, after receiving testimony from Raymond H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Joseph F. Marie, Connecticut Department of Transportation, West Hartford, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Mayor John Hickenlooper, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; and Beverly Scott, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the American Public Transportation Association.

### BUDGET AND REVENUE PROPOSALS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 budget and revenue proposals, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* On Wednesday, March 11, 2009, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 111th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security:* Senators Dorgan (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Rockefeller (ex officio), DeMint, Snowe, Ensign, Thune, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, Martinez, Johanns, and Hutchison (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Communications and Technology:* Senators Kerry (Chair), Inouye, Dorgan, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Rockefeller (ex officio), Ensign, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, Martinez, Johanns, and Hutchison (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion:* Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Kerry, Dorgan, McCaskill, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Rockefeller (ex officio), Martinez, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Brownback, Johanns, and Hutchison (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance:* Senators Pryor (Chair), Dorgan, Boxer, Nelson (FL), McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Rockefeller (ex officio), Wicker, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Isakson, Vitter, and Hutchison (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard:* Senators Cantwell (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Lautenberg, Begich, Rockefeller (ex officio), Snowe, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Martinez, and Hutchison (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Science and Space:* Senators Nelson (FL) (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Rockefeller (ex officio), Vitter, Snowe, Ensign, Thune, Isakson, Johanns, and Hutchison (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine:* Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Dorgan, Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, Udall, Warner, Begich, Rockefeller (ex officio), Thune, Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, Johanns, and Hutchison (ex officio).