

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3739–S3815

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 689–711, and S. Res. 85. **Pages S3784–85**

Measures Considered:

Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3745–53, S3754–73, S3776

Adopted:

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 692 (to Amendment No. 687), to establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. **Page S3772**

Johanns Modified Amendment No. 693 (to Amendment No. 687), to ensure that organizations promoting competitive and non-competitive sporting events involving individuals with disabilities may receive direct and indirect assistance to carry out national service programs. **Pages S3745, S3772**

Landrieu Amendment No. 717 (to Amendment No. 687), to add a foster care program to the national service corps programs. **Pages S3764–65**

Murkowski (for Dorgan) Modified Amendment No. 691 (to Amendment No. 687), to modify certain provisions relating to Native Americans. **Pages S3745–51**

Shaheen/Gregg Modified Amendment No. 712 (to Amendment No. 687), to provide that an Education Corps may carry out activities that provide music and arts education and engagement. **Pages S3761–62**

Durbin (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 695 (to Amendment No. 687), to provide for outreach to high schools with low graduation rates. **Page S3776**

Durbin (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 696 (to Amendment No. 687), to clarify references to high school graduation rates. **Page S3776**

Rejected:

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 715 (to Amendment No. 692), to clarify that nonprofit organizations assisted under the Nonprofit Capacity Building Program include certain crisis pregnancy

centers, and organizations that serve battered women or victims of rape or incest. (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate tabled the amendment).

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Pending:

Mikulski Amendment No. 687, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3745**

Thune Amendment No. 716 (to Amendment No. 687), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving. **Pages S3762–64**

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

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 110), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Crapo/Corker Amendment No. 688 (to Amendment No. 687), to increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3751–52, S3757–60**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Mikulski Amendment No. 687, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 27, 2009. **Page S3772**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 2009. **Page S3806**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority 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), amended by 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 Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senators Nelson (FL) and Lieberman.

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National Council of the Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts: Senator Whitehouse.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 109), David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Margaret A. Hamburg, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111) **Pages S3754, S3760, S3771–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3806.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Director, Army National Guard, and Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, USA, Chief, Army Reserve, both of the United States Army, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt, III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve, both of the United States Air Force, Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, USN, Chief, Navy Reserve, United States Navy, and Lieutenant General Jack W. Bergman, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

RESERVE COMPONENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Director, Army National Guard, and Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, United States Army Reserve Command, both of the United States Army, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt, III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief, Air Force Reserve, both of the United States Air Force, Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, USN, Chief, Navy Reserve, United States Navy, Lieutenant General Jack W. Bergman, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, United States Marine Corps, and Rear Admiral Daniel R. May, USCG, Director, Coast Guard Reserve and Training, United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Defense.

2010: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2010 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on