

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13, Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 922–931, S. Res. 117–120, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Page S4891**

Measures Reported:

S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. (S. Rept. No. 111–15)

S. 414, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4890**

Measures Passed:

Commending the University of Georgia Gymnastics Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 119, commending the University of Georgia gymnastics team for winning the 2009 NCAA national championship. **Pages S4904–05**

Congratulating the Trinity College Bantams Squash Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, congratulating the Trinity College Bantams for their 11th-straight College Squash Association Men's Team Championship. **Page S4905**

Conference Reports:

Budget Resolution: By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 173), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014. **Pages S4840–81**

Appointments:

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: The

Chair, announced on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to P.L. 110–229, the appointment of the following to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Susan Gonzales of Washington, D.C., Moctezuma Esparza of California, Carlos Etzeta of Nevada, and Katherine Archuleta of Colorado (non-voting member). **Page S4905**

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 30, 2009, Senate will begin consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, and that Senator Durbin be recognized to offer an amendment relating to “cramdown”, and that there be 4 hours for debate relative to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, and that adoption of the amendment require a 60-affirmative vote threshold, and if the amendment does not achieve that threshold, then it be withdrawn; provided that no amendment be in order to the amendment, and no further amendments on the subject of “cramdown” be in order during the pendency of the bill; provided further, that upon disposition of the Durbin amendment, Senator Dodd be recognized to offer a Dodd-Shelby amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4902**

Strickland Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 30, 2009, after Senator Dodd has called up an amendment to S. 896, as previously agreed to, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, and that there be 3 hours of debate with respect to the nomination, with

1 hour under the control of the Majority, and 2 hours under the control of the Republicans, and 30 minutes of the Republican time under the control of Senator Bunning; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S4902–03**

Morton Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Morton, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, reported by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Monday, April 27, 2009, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period of 30 calendar days; provided further, that at the end of the 30 days, if the Committee on the Judiciary has not reported the nomination, then it be automatically discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S4905**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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.

Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Martha J. Kanter, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Kevin W. Concannon, of Maine, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census. **Page S4905**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—173) **Page S4881**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4905.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WOUNDED WARRIORS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of Wounded Warrior policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care, Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management, Information Systems Issues, and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, all of the Government Accountability Office; Gail H. McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, Ellen P. Embrey, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Major General Keith W. Meurlin, USAF, Director, Office of Transition Policy and Care Coordination, and Rear Admiral Gregory A. Timberlake, USN, Director, Interagency Program Office, all of the Department of Defense; and Roger Dimsdale, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Collaboration, Office of Policy and Planning, and Karen S. Guice, Executive Director of the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Gregory D. Gadson, USA, Lieutenant Colonel Raymond T.