

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4999–S5043

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 951–960, and S. Res. 125. **Pages S5013–14**

Measures Considered:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4999–S5011**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4999–S5011**

Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Page S4999**

Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018), to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Page S4999**

Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration. **Page S4999**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2009, and that at 5 p.m., there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Dodd and Vitter, or their designees, to debate concurrently Vitter Amendments No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018) and 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018) (listed above); provided that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed above; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; with 2 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled, prior to each vote, with the second vote being 10 minutes in duration; provided further, that other than Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to the bill, and that they be

subject to second-degree amendments which would be relevant to the amendment to which offered; with a managers amendment which has been cleared by the Managers and two Leaders, in order and that once it is offered, it be agreed to; provided that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill: Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (listed above), Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (listed above), Corker Amendment No. 1019 (listed above), Grassley Amendment No. 1020, Grassley Amendment No. 1021, Casey Amendment No. 1033, Ensign Amendment No. 1034, Kohl Amendment No. 1037, Kerry Amendment No. 1036, Thune Amendment No. 1030, Boxer Amendment No. 1035, DeMint Amendment No. 1026, Isakson Amendment No. 1027, Schumer Amendment No. 1031, Reed Amendment No. 1039, Feingold Amendment No. 1032, Reed Amendment No. 1040, and Boxer Amendment No. 1038. **Page S5011**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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

Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Peter Cunningham, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

Brian Vincent Kennedy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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

T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Thomasina Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2015.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Page S5043

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:39 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5043.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009.

Committee Meetings

COLLEGE FOOTBALL—BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES FAIRNESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on The Bowl Championship Series: Money and Other Issues of Fairness for Publicly Financed Universities. Testimony was heard from the following: John D. Swofford, Commissioner, Atlantic Coast Conference; Craig Thompson, Commissioner, West Mountain Conference; Derrick Fox, President and CEO, Valero Alamo Bowl, Football Bowl Alliance; Craig Thompson, Commissioner, West Mountain Conference; and Gene Bleymaier, Athletic Director, Boise State University.

CYBER NETWORK THREATS/POLICY CHALLENGES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on Cybersecurity: Network Threats and Policy Challenges. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 4 through May 9, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 896, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Vitter Amendments No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018) and 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018) at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Krysta Harden, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the range of innovative, non-geologic applications