

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5045–S5086*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 961–968, and S. Res. 126–127. **Page S5065**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 414, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers. (S. Rept. No. 111–16) **Page S5065**

#### Measures Passed:

*Sisters of the Sacred Hearts in Hawai'i 150th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts in Hawai'i.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Helping Families Save Their Homes Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5051–59**

##### Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 176), 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. **Pages S5052, S5057–59**

By 36 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 177), 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. **Pages S5052, S5057–59**

##### Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5051**

Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Page S5051**

Dodd (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1020 (to Amendment No. 1018), to enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Page S5056**

Dodd (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1021 (to Amendment No. 1018), to amend Chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S5056–57**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, and that the time until 10 a.m. be for debate relative to Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018) (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Dodd and Corker, or their designees; provided further, that at 10:50 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendment in order to the amendment, prior to a vote. **Pages S5060, S5086**

#### Appointments:

*Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino:* The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to P.L. 110–229, the appointment of the following to be a non-voting member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Sandy Colon Peltyn of Nevada. **Page S5086**

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

Mercedes Marquez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Kathy J. Greenlee, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services.

Philip Mudd, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2013.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Page S5086**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—177) **Page S5059**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5086.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, and Timothy W. Manning, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 2226–2242; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 117; and H. Res. 394–399 were introduced. **Pages H5095–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5096–97**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1178, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–93, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1728, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–94); and H.R. 1748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance the investigation and prosecution of mortgage fraud and financial institution fraud, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–95, Pt. 1). **Page H5095**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5065**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5068**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

*Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo:* H. Res. 230, amended, to recognize the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “no,” Roll No. 229; **Pages H5069–73, H5081**

*Recognizing the 61st anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel:* H. Con. Res. 111, amended, to recognize the 61st anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “no,” Roll No. 230; **Pages H5073–77, H5082–83**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day:* H. Con. Res. 103, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day; and **Pages H5077–79**

*Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig:* H. Res. 283, amended, to honor the life, achievements, and contributions of Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig. **Pages H5079–80**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our