

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 454, Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act.

House Committee ordered reported Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5249–S5301*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 993–1013, and S. Res. 136–138. **Pages S5281–82**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 49, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy.

S. Res. 84, urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 838, to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys. **Page S5281**

#### Measures Passed:

**Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act:** By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 186), Senate passed S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5254–55, S5256–67**

Adopted:

Levin (for Murray/Chambliss) Modified Amendment No. 1052, to expand the national security objectives of the national technology and industrial base and clarify the role of major defense acquisition programs toward such objectives. **Page S5256**

McCain (for Coburn) Amendment No. 1057, to require a plan for the elimination of weaknesses in operations that hinder the capacity to assemble and

assess reliable cost information on assets required under major defense acquisition programs. **Page S5256**

**Urging Government of Canada to end Commercial Seal Hunt:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt. **Page S5297**

**National Train Day:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 125, in support and recognition of National Train Day, May 9, 2009, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5297–98**

**Honoring Concerns of Police Survivors:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 138, honoring Concerns of Police Survivors for 25 years of service to family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. **Page S5298**

#### Appointments:

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Steve Zink, of Nevada, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S5298**

**Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, May 11, 2009, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and that once the bill is reported Senator Dodd, or his designee, be recognized to offer the Dodd/Shelby amendment in the nature of a substitute; provided further that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed be withdrawn. **Page S5270**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2010; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM-16) **Pages S5279-80**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-17) **Page S5280**

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

By 91 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 187), R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Michael Nacht, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

36 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

18 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S5267-70, S5298-S5300, S5301**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5280**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5278-79**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S5296**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S5296-97**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—187) **Pages S5260, S5269-70**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5300.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Krysta Harden, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Chambliss, and Pearlie S. Reed, of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senator Lincoln, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, who was introduced by Representative Herseth Sandlin, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded an oversight hearing to examine funding of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### H1N1 VIRUS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the 2009 H1N1 virus, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; and Joshua M. Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance, United States Congress.

### CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STRATEGIC POSTURE OF THE U.S.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Glenn, Harry E. Cartland, and John S. Foster,