

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5341–S5396

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1020–1026, and S. Res. 142–147. **Pages S5371–72**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform. (S. Rept. No. 111–18) **Page S5371**

Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 38, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5394**

Endangered Species Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 121, designating May 15, 2009, as "Endangered Species Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5394**

National MPS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 143, designating May 15, 2009, as "National MPS Awareness Day". **Pages S5394–95**

National Women's Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 144, supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week. **Page S5395**

National Public Works Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 145, designating the week of May 17 through May 23, 2009, as "National Public Works Week". **Page S5395**

Measures Considered:

Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5349–65**

Adopted:

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 188), Coburn Amendment No. 1067 (to Amendment No. 1058), to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks and refuges. **Pages S5349–60**

Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 1068, to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks and refuges. **Pages S5349–51, S5360**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5349**

McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1085 (to Amendment No. 1058), to enhance public knowledge regarding the national debt by requiring the publication of the facts about the national debt on IRS instructions, Federal Web sites, and in new legislation. **Pages S5360–61**

Vitter Amendment No. 1066 (to Amendment No. 1058), to specify acceptable forms of identification for the opening of credit card accounts. **Pages S5361–62**

Sanders Amendment No. 1062 (to Amendment No. 1058), to establish a national consumer credit usury rate. **Pages S5362–64**

Gillibrand Amendment No. 1084 (to Amendment No. 1058), to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require reporting agencies to provide free credit reports in the native language of certain non-English speaking consumers. **Pages S5364–65**

Hayes Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and that there be one hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. **Pages S5395–96**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Michelle DePass, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Krysta Harden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Pearlie S. Reed, of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William J. Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Jeffrey D. Zients, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

33 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

23 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House: **Page S5371**

Measures Referred: **Page S5371**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5369–71**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5379–93**

Authorities for Committees To Meet: **Page S5393**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—188) **Page S5360**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s RECORD on page S5395.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ARMY BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Pete Geren, Secretary, and General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, both of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

ARMY AND AIR FORCE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Army and Air Force, after receiving testimony from Joseph F. Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations and Housing, Louis Jerome Hansen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Infrastructure and Senior Official Performing Duties of Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Brigadier General James C. Boozer, Sr., Director of Operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Acting Deputy Director of the Army National Guard, Brigadier General Julia A. Kraus, Deputy Chief, United States Army Reserve and Deputy Commander for Management, Resources and Support, all of the United States Army, and Kathleen Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations, Brigadier General Joseph L. Lengyel, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, and Brigadier General Howard N. Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Reserve, all of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.