

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 2346, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5459–S5541*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1036–1058, and S. Res. 149–151. **Pages S5501–02**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1054, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 111–20). **Page S5501**

#### Measures Passed:

*Commending South Charleston, West Virginia on 50th Annual Armed Forces Day:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 146, commending South Charleston, West Virginia, for celebrating its 50th annual Armed Forces Day on May 16, 2009, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5538**

*World Press Freedom Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 149, expressing solidarity with the writers, journalists, and librarians of Cuba on World Press Freedom Day and calling for the immediate release of citizens of Cuba imprisoned for exercising rights associated with freedom of the press. **Page S5538**

*Commemorating and Celebrating Fallen Officers in the State of Washington:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 150, commemorating and celebrating the lives of Officer Kristine Marie Fairbanks, Deputy Anne Marie Jackson, and Sergeant Nelson Kai Ng who gave their lives in the service of the people of Washington State in 2008. **Pages S5538–39**

#### 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 S5468–94, S5496**

#### Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5468**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 1079 (to Amendment No. 1058), to end abuse, promote disclosure, and provide protections to small businesses that rely on credit cards.

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Collins/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 1107 (to Amendment No. 1058), to address stored value devices and cards. **Pages S5468, S5471**

Lincoln Amendment No. 1126 (to Amendment No. 1107), to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations. **Pages S5474–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no further amendments be in order to the bill, except a managers amendment which has been cleared by the managers and the two Leaders, and that Senate resume consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058 (listed above); provided that if cloture is invoked on the amendment, Senate consider any pending germane amendments, and that upon disposition of those amendments, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn.

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#### House Messages:

*Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act:* Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance

and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, with an amendment. **Pages S5494–95**

**Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act:** Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, agreed to the request for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Burr, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Graham, Thune, Martinez, Wicker, Burr, Vitter, and Collins. **Pages S5495–96**

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

Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013. **Page S5541**

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

Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

39 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5539.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for national intelligence program and military intelligence program, after receiving testimony from Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported a bill providing supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and pandemic flu, with amendments.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary, and Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Navy, Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Paul N. Stockton, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Thomas R. Lamont, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.