

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 33 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6393–S6480

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1223–1233, and S. Res. 181–182. **Page S6452**

Measures Passed:

National Pipeline Safety Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, designating June 10, 2009, as “National Pipeline Safety Day”. **Pages S6398–S6400**

Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 407, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6476–77**

Measures Considered:

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6405–32**

Adopted:

Dodd Amendment No. 1247, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6406**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order that Schumer (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1256 (to Amendment No. 1247), to modify provisions relating to Federal

employees retirement, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S6406**

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 206), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S6412**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 2 p.m., on Thursday, June 11, 2009, and that the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between Senators Dodd and Enzi, or their designees; provided further that at 2:30 p.m., all post-cloture time debate having expired, Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S6478**

Good Neighbor Forestry Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from further consideration of S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Pages S6477–78**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Timothy J. Roemer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to India.

Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—206) **Page S6412**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6478.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mercedes Marquez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development, and Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability.

DOMESTIC AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the domestic automobile industry, focusing on the impact of federal assistance, after receiving testimony from Ron Bloom, Senior Advisor at the Department of Treasury; and Edward Montgomery, Director for Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers.

AVIATION SAFETY AND COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration's role in the oversight of commercial air carriers, after receiving testimony from Randolph Babbitt, Admin-

istrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Mark V. Rosenker, Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and John O'Brien, Flight Safety Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, and Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kurt M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tara Jeanne O'Toole, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, and Jeffrey D. Zients, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, after the nominees testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S. EMBASSY IN KABUL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse in security contracts at the United States Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from William H. Moser, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Logistics Management, Bureau of Administration; and Samuel Brinkley, Wackenhut Services, Inc., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Howard K. Koh, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services,