

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3357, Highway Trust Fund Act.

The House passed H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8501–S8618

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1540–1552, and S. Res. 231–233. **Page S8557**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 774, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46–02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the “Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building”.

H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the “John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office”.

H.R. 1271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the “Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1397, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the “Caroline O’Day Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2090, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the “Herbert A Littleton Postal Station”.

H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “Laredo Veterans Post Office”.

H.R. 2422, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the “Kile G. West Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the “Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building”.

S. 748, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the “Cesar E. Chavez Post Office”.

S. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the “Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building”.

S. 1314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office”.

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Measures Passed:

Highway Trust Fund Act: By 79 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 254), Senate passed H.R. 3357, to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto, clearing the measure for the President:

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Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 249), Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1907, to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

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By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 250), Ensign Modified Amendment No. 1905, to offset the appropriation of funds to replenish the Unemployment Trust Fund with unobligated non-veterans funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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By 40 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 252), Sessions Amendment No. 2223, to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund.

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

By 34 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 251), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Bond Amendment No. 1904, to repeal a certain provision of the SAFETEA-LU. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would increase mandatory spending, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S8516–18, S8529–30

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 253), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was not sustained.

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Bishop Museum 120th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 195, recognizing Bishop Museum, the Nation's premier showcase for Hawaiian culture and history, on the occasions of its 120th anniversary and the restoration and renovation of its Historic Hall, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to:

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Pending:

Kohl/Brownback Amendment No. 1908, in the nature of a substitute.

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Kohl (for Tester) Amendment No. 2230 (to Amendment No. 1908), to clarify a provision relating to funding for a National Animal Identification Program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 31, 2009.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic proc-

esses and institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–28)

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Text of H.R. 3183 as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—254) **Pages S8528–29, S8529, S8530, S8531, S8532**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8618.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 3293, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John M.