

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 172, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8619–S8639*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1553–1555. **Page S8631**

**Measures Passed:**

*Adjournment Resolution:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 172, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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**Measures Considered:**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Act:** Senate continued 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 amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8619–23**

**Adopted:**

Kohl (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2234 (to Amendment No. 1908), to provide funding for the Office of Inspector General to conduct inspections of the national organic program. **Pages S8622–23**

**Pending:**

Kohl/Brownback Amendment No. 1908, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8619**

Kohl (for Tester) Amendment No. 2230 (to Amendment No. 1908), to clarify a provision relating to funding for a National Animal Identification Program. **Page S8619**

Brownback Amendment No. 2229 (to Amendment No. 1908), to establish within the Food and Drug Administration 2 review groups to recommend solutions for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of rare diseases and neglected diseases of the developing world. **Pages S8620–22**

Kohl (for Murray/Baucus) Amendment No. 2225 (to Amendment No 1908), to allow State and local

governments to participate in the conservation reserve program. **Pages S8622–23**

Kohl (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 2226 (to Amendment No. 1908), to prohibit funds made available under this Act from being used to enforce a travel or conference policy that prohibits an event from being held in a location based on a perception that the location is a resort or vacation destination. **Pages S8622–23**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Kohl/Brownback Amendment No. 1908 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, July 31, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, August 3, 2009, and that if cloture is invoked, postcloture time be considered to have begun as if cloture had been invoked at 11 a.m., on Monday, August 3, 2009. **Pages S8619–20**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, August 3, 2009. **Page S8620**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, August 3, 2009; provided further, that first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 3:30 p.m., on Monday August 3, 2009. **Page S8620**

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

Kevin W. Concannon, of Maine, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

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

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.

Richard G. Newell, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Donald Henry Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Earl Michael Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

14 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

48 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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

Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Kevin W. Concannon, of Maine, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Evan J. Segal, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2016.

Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2014.

Abdul K. Kallon, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. vice U. W. Clemon, retired.

Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Daniel G. Bogden, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Deborah K. R. Gilg, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Timothy J. Heaphy, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Peter F. Neronha, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

David Edward Demag, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

Genevieve Lynn May, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

David Lyle Cargill, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S8637**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S8619, S8631**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

**Pages S8632–33**

**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:54 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8636.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.