

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9101–S9142

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1649–1654, and S. Res. 253–255. **Page S9132**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, September 2, during the adjournment:

S. 728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–71)

Reported on Tuesday, September 8:

S. 588, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–72) **Page S9132**

Measures Passed:

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 179, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S9141**

Honoring Edward Moore Kennedy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 255, relative to the death of Edward Moore Kennedy, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Page S9141**

Measures Considered:

Travel Promotion Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9118–23**

Pending:

Reid (for Dorgan/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1347, of a perfecting nature. **Page S9118**

Reid Amendment No. 1348 (to Amendment No. 1347), to change the enactment date. **Page S9118**

Reid Amendment No. 1349 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1347), to change the enactment date. **Page S9118**

Reid Amendment No. 1350 (to Amendment No. 1349), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9118**

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

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 271), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Dorgan/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1347, listed above. **Page S9123**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions, fell when the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Dorgan/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1347, was agreed to. **Page S9123**

The following amendments fell when the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation fell:

Reid Amendment No. 1351 (to the instructions on the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Page S9118**

Reid Amendment No. 1352 (to Amendment No. 1351), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9118**

Reid Amendment No. 1353 (to Amendment No. 1352), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9118**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, and that time during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count against the post-cloture time. **Pages S9141–42**

Appointments:

Pursuant to the order of August 7, 2009, the following appointments were made during the adjournment of the Senate:

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–567, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: General Michael V. Hayden of Virginia. **Page S9141**

Congressional Oversight Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointed the following individual as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel: Paul S. Atkins of Virginia, vice John Sununu of New Hampshire. **Page S9141**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. **Page S9141**

Floor Privileges—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the period that Senator Mikulski is confined to a wheelchair, that a member of her staff be permitted

on the floor as is necessary to facilitate the Senator's movement. **Page S9141**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury. **Pages S9141, S9142**

Messages from the House: **Pages S9127–28**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—271) **Page S9123**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 255 at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9142.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3533–3540; 1 private bill, H.R. 3541; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 179–180; and H. Res. 721–722 were introduced. **Pages H9340–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9341–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3193, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 111–245);

H.R. 2121, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the Galveston Historical Foundation, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–246);

H. Con. Res. 136, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of Citizenship Day (H. Rept. 111–247); and

H.R. 3165, to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–248). **Page H9340**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Driehaus to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9285**

Joint Session of Congress—Wednesday, September 9: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 179, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Pages H9287–88**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act: H.R. 1043, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving