

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1023, Travel Promotion Act.

Senator Mel Martinez, of Florida, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate.

House and Senate met in a Joint Session to receive a message from the President of the United States.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9143–S9191*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1655–1657, and S. Res. 256–257. **Page S9186**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1308 to reauthorize the Maritime Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–73) **Page S9186**

#### Measures Passed:

**Travel Promotion Act:** By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate passed 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, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9153–66, S9170–72**

#### Adopted:

Reid (for Dorgan/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1347, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9153, S9170**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 1348 (to Amendment No. 1347), to change the enactment date. **Pages S9153, S9170**

Reid Amendment No. 1349 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1347), to change the enactment date. **Pages S9153, S9170**

Reid Amendment No. 1350 (to Amendment No. 1349), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9153, S9170**

**Congressional Gold Medal:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1243, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsman-

ship in golf, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9189**

**Majority Party Membership:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S9189**

**Reserve Officers Association Modernization Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 1599, to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S9189**

**Appointment Correction—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Record reflect that the appointment of General Michael Hayden to the Public Interest Declassification Board, made during the adjournment of the Senate, was made by the Republican Leader rather than the Majority Leader. **Page S9190**

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

Transmitting the President's address delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on September 9, 2009 relative to health care legislation; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–29) **Pages S9179–83**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with France (Treaty Doc. No. 111–4).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and

referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S9189–90**

**Sunstein Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S9166–70, S9172–75**

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

By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 273), 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 nomination.

**Pages S9172–73**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2009. **Page S9190**

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

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 43 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

**Pages S9190–91**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S9183**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S9183–84**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S9184–86**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S9186–88**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S9177–79**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S9189**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—273) **Pages S9170, S9173**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9190.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### GLOBAL WARMING LEGISLATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine global warm-

ing legislation, focusing on carbon markets and producer groups, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, United States Commodities Futures Trading Commission; Timothy H. Profeta, Duke University Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Durham, North Carolina; Joseph R. Glace, Exelon Corporation, and Julie Winkler, Green Exchange Venture, both of Chicago, Illinois; David Miller, Iowa Farm Bureau, Des Moines; Fred Yoder, National Corn Growers Association, Plain City, Ohio; Luke Brubaker, Brubaker Farms, Myerstown, Pennsylvania; Frank Rehmann, US Rice Producers Association, Live Oak, California; and W. Andrew Beckstoffer, Beckstoffer Vineyards, Rutherford, California.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2010.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### UNITED STATES FORENSIC SCIENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening forensic science in the United States, after receiving testimony from Eric Buel, Vermont Department of Public Safety Forensic Laboratory, Waterbury; Peter Neufeld, Innocence Project, New York, New York; Harold L. Hurtt, Chief, Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas; Paul C. Giannelli, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; Barry D. Matson, Alabama District Attorneys Association, Montgomery; and Matthew F. Redle, Sheridan County, Sheridan, Wyoming, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Menendez and Lautenberg, Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern