

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect George LeMieux, of Florida, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9193–S9279

Measures Introduced: Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1658–1662, and S. Res. 258–261. **Page S9264**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–74)

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. **Pages S9263–64**

Measures Passed:

National Day of Service and Remembrance: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 245, recognizing September 11, 2009, as a “National Day of Service and Remembrance”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9272–73**

Whitehouse (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2326, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S9273**

Whitehouse (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2327, to amend the title. **Page S9273**

National Estuaries Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 247, designating September 26, 2009, as “National Estuaries Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9273**

National Celiac Disease Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, designating September 13, 2009, as “National Celiac Disease Awareness Day”. **Pages S9273–74**

The American Legion Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 260, designating September 16, 2009, as “The American Legion Day”. **Pages S9274–75**

National Day of Encouragement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 261, designating September 12, 2009, as “National Day of Encouragement”. **Page S9275**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of 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. **Pages S9233–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Friday, September 11, 2009. **Page S9276**

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed Senator Udall (NM) as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. **Page S9275**

Senators Kennedy and Martinez Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to Senators Kennedy and Martinez in the *Congressional Record* be printed as separate Senate documents and that Senators be permitted to submit statements for inclusion until Friday, October 9, 2009. **Page S9275**

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 terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30) **Page S9260**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 57 yeas 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of

the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S9229–30, S9231–33, S9279**

Anthony Marion Babauta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Environmental Quality. **Pages S9275–76, S9279**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2010 vice Walter Lukken, resigned.

Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2015.

Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—274)	Page S9233
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9278.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and how to improve the Securities and Exchange Commission's performance, after receiving testimony from H. David Kotz, Inspector General, Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, and John Walsh, Acting Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, all of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and Harry Markopolos, Boston, Massachusetts.

OIL AND GAS PROVISIONS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine oil and gas tax provisions, focusing on the President's fiscal year 2010 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Alan B. Krueger, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy and Chief Economist; Stephen P.A. Brown, Resources for the Future, Arlington, Texas; Calvin Johnson, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin; J. Larry Nichols, Devon Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute; Kevin Book, ClearView Energy Partners, LLC, Washington, D.C.; and Buddy Kleemeier, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

IRAQ: REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq, focusing on a report from the field, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, United States Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State.

STIMULUS SPENDING, TRANSPARENCY, AND FRAUD PREVENTION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on stimulus spending, transparency, and fraud prevention, focusing on selected states' and localities' uses of Recovery Act funds, the approaches