

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9489–S9573*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1679–1689, and S. Res. 273–274. **Pages S9554–55**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1679, to make quality, affordable health care available to all Americans, reduce costs, improve health care quality, enhance disease prevention, and strengthen the health care workforce. **Page S9553**

#### Measures Passed:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate passed 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, agreeing to the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9532–41**

##### Adopted:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2365, to amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008. **Page S9532**

##### Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No.283), Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2359, to prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans. **Pages S9532–33**

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 284), DeMint Amendment No. 2410, to limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. **Pages S9532–34**

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 285), McCain Modified Amendment No. 2403, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S9532, S9534**

By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 286), Kyl motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Kyl Amendment No. 2421 (to the instructions on Kyl motion to commit the bill), relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. **Pages S9532, S9534–35**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Murray, Byrd, Mikulski, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Specter, Inouye, Bond, Shelby, Bennett, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander, Collins, Voinovich, and Cochran. **Page S9541**

**Commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 273, commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and founder of the World Food Prize. **Page S9571**

**Peace Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Day. **Pages S9571–72**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9499–S9532, S9541–45**

##### Adopted:

By 85 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 289), Johanns Amendment No. 2394, prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S9517–20, S9541–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill

at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2009. **Page S9572**

### Appointments:

**National Museum of the American Latino:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 110–229, the appointment of the following to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Dr. Emma Sepulveda, of Nevada, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado.

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**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Minority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Graham (co-chairman). **Page S9572**

**Southers Nomination—Nomination:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Erroll G. Southers, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, that upon the reporting out or discharge of the nomination, it then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days; that if the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has not reported the nomination at that time, then the Committee be discharged and the nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 288), Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

**Pages S9521–32, S9541, S9573**

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

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Michael J. Moore, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Carmen Milagros Ortiz, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Edward J. Tarver, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S9572–73**

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**Authorities for Committees To Meet:** **Pages S9570–71**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S9571**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—289) **Page S9533, S9534, S9535, S9541, S9542**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9572.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AFGHANISTAN

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering the threat of failure in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John Craddock, United States Army (Ret.), Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Ryan C. Crocker, former United States Ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan, United States Charge d'Affaires to Afghanistan, Department of State, Spokane, Washington; Clare Lockhart, Institute of State Effectiveness (ISE), Washington, D.C.; and Khaled Hosseini, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), San Jose, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael H.