

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Designate Paul Grattan Kirk, Jr., of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9861–S9894*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1715–1721, and S. Res. 288–289. **Page S9868–69**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 110th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 111–81)

S. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–80) **Page S9868**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Mesothelioma Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, designating September 26, 2009, as “National Mesothelioma Awareness Day”. **Page S9866**

**VA Medical Facility Leases:** Senate passed S. 1717, to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010. **Pages S9889–90**

**Small Business Investment Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9890**

Reid (for Landrieu/Snowe) Amendment No. 2556, to improve the bill. **Page S9890**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S9861–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. **Page S9892**

**Viken Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey L. Viken, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and that there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination; with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member, or their designees; and that at 5:30 p.m., on September 29, 2009, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S9890**

#### Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
  - 46 Army nominations in the rank of general.
  - 4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
  - 8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S9892–94**

#### Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Marisa Lago, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Stephanie M. Rose, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Richard G. Callahan, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Michael W. Cotter, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Robert R. King, of Virginia, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador.

Linda Gore Ross, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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| A routine list in the Foreign Service.      | Page S9892     |
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9892.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held a closed briefing with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine Iran's nuclear program.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3650–3658; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 191; and H. Res. 779–781 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H9999–H10000

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H9963

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference:** The House agreed to the Pastor motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Pages H9969–70

Agreed to the Frelinghuysen motion to instruct conferees on the bill by voice vote. Pages H9969–70

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Visclosky, Edwards (TX), Pastor (AZ), Berry, Fattah, Israel, Ryan (OH), Olver, Davis (TN), Salazar, Obey, Frelinghuysen, Wamp, Simpson, Rehberg, Calvert, Alexander, and Lewis (CA). Page H9970

**Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 739. Pages H9965–69, H9970–76

H. Res. 772, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 738. Page H9970

Agreed to the McGovern amendment to the rule by voice vote, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. Page H9969