

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9943–S9992

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1727–1734, and S. Res. 294–296. **Pages S9981–82**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 191, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2918. **Pages S9969–70**

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 186, supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. **Page S9991**

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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9970–75**

Adopted:

Johanns Modified Amendment No. 2555, to ensure the availability of not less than \$30,000,000 for High Priority National Guard Counterdrug Programs. **Page S9972**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 2575, to provide for testimony before Congress on the additional forces and resources required to meet United States objectives with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan. **Pages S9971–72**

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

By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 303), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to McCain Amendment No. 2558, to strike amounts available for procurement of C-17 aircraft in excess of the amount requested by the President in the budget for fiscal year 2010 and to make such amounts available instead for operation and maintenance in accordance with amounts requested by the President in that budget and for Operation and Maintenance, Army, for overseas contingency operations. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S9970–71**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, October 2, 2009. **Page S9975**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 2009. **Page S9991**

Conference Reports:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 302), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S9953–59, S9959–69**

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

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 300), three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to

waive the point of order that the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918 violates Senate Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Thus, the point of order fell. **Page S9968**

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 301), three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive the point of order under section 311(a)(2) that the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918 violates the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Thus, the point of order raised fell. **Page S9968**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Louis B. Butler, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Sanford C. Coats, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Stephanie Villafuerte, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

John Leroy Kammerzell, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Mark Anthony Martinez, of Nebraska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Stephen James Smith, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S9991–92**

Messages from the House: **Page S9981**

Measures Referred: **Page S9981**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S9990–91**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—303) **Pages S9968, S9969, S9971**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9991.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Bennett and Cochran, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FINANCIAL REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine international cooperation to modernize financial regulation, after receiving testimony from Kathleen L. Casey, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Mark Sobel, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; and Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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 Thursday, October 1, 2009.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD BURMA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy toward Burma, focusing

on its impact and effectiveness, after receiving testimony from Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs; Thant Myint-U, Institution for Southeast Asian Studies, Bangkok, Thailand; David I. Steinberg, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC; and David C. Williams, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Global Narcotics Affairs: Senators Dodd (Chair), Menendez, Cardin, Webb, Gillibrand, Barrasso, Isakson, Risch, and Inhofe.

Subcommittee on African Affairs: Senators Feingold (Chair), Cardin, Webb, Kaufman, Shaheen, Isakson, DeMint, Corker, and Inhofe.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues: Senators Boxer (Chair), Feingold, Menendez, Kaufman, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Wicker, DeMint, Barrasso, and Inhofe.

Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, and International Environmental Protection: Senators Menendez (Chair), Boxer, Cardin, Casey, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Corker, Wicker, DeMint, and Risch.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs: Senators Casey (Chair), Dodd, Feingold, Boxer, Cardin, Kaufman, Risch, Corker, Barrasso, and Isakson.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs: Senators Webb (Chair), Dodd, Feingold, Boxer, Casey, Gillibrand, Inhofe, Isakson, Barrasso, and Wicker.

Subcommittee on European Affairs: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Dodd, Menendez, Casey, Webb, Kaufman, DeMint, Risch, Corker, and Wicker.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD ZIMBABWE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine exploring United States policy options toward Zimbabwe's transition, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Earl Gast, Acting Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Andy Baukol, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Donald Steinberg, International Crisis Group, Brussels, Belgium; and Nancy Lindborg, Mercy Corps, and Todd J. Moss, Center for Global Development, both of Washington, DC

CONFRONTING TERRORIST THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting the terrorist threat to the homeland eight years after 9/11, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Mike Leiter, Director, National Counter Terrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN MEDICAID

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine controlled substance abuse in Medicaid, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Penny Thompson, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Ann Clemency Kohler, National Association of State Medicaid Directors, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the American Public Human Services Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Brenda Dann-Messier, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, and Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing freedom of information in the New Era of Responsibility, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Tom Curley, Associated Press, New York, New

York; and Meredith Fuchs, National Security Archive, Washington, DC.

FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine responding to the growing need for federal judgeships, focusing on the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from George Z. Singal, United States District Judge for the District of Maine; Lawrence J. O'Neill, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California; and Gerald Bard Tjoflat, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

VA HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services, after receiving testimony from Joseph A. Williams, Jr., Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Operations and Management, and Mary A. Curtis, Psychiatric Clinical Application Coordinator, Boise

VA Medical Center, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Tim S. McClain, Humana Veterans Health Care Services, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; John L. Earnest, Ambulatory Care Solutions, LLC, Marion, Indiana; and Marjie Shahani, QTC Medical Services, Inc., Diamond Bar, California.

SUCCESSFUL HEALTH SYSTEMS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how successful health systems keep costs low and quality high, after receiving testimony from Mark Pearson, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, France; Carolyn Bennett, Member of Parliament, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Cathy Schoen, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Arnold M. Epstein, Harvard School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, Boston, Massachusetts; and Michael Tanner, Cato Institute, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3675–3686; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 785–787, were introduced. **Pages H10407–08**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10408–09**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3224, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland (H. Rept. 111–276, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3045, to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–277);

Conference report on H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–278);

Conference report on H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–279); and

H. Res. 788, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3183) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–280).

Pages H10150–H10402, H10406, H10407

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

Recognizing the benefits of service-learning as a teaching strategy to effectively engage youth in the community and classroom, and expressing support for the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge: H. Res. 769, to recognize the benefits of

service-learning as a teaching strategy to effectively engage youth in the community and classroom, and to express support for the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge; **Pages H10082–83**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month: H. Res. 90, to support the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; **Pages H10084–85**

Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama: S. Con. Res. 41, amended, to provide for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama; **Pages H20085–87**

Honoring and saluting Hillerich & Bradsby Co. on the 125th anniversary of the Louisville Slugger: H. Res. 314, to honor and salute Hillerich & Bradsby Co. on the 125th anniversary of the Louisville Slugger; **Pages H10088–90**

Amending title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the date on which the accreditation requirement under the Medicare Program applies to suppliers of durable medical equipment that are pharmacies: H.R. 3663, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the date on which the accreditation requirement under the Medicare Program applies to suppliers of durable medical equipment that are pharmacies; **Pages H10090–92**

Foreign Evidence Request Efficiency Act of 2009: S. 1289, to improve title 18 of the United States Code; **Pages H10092–94**

Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2009: H.R. 1727, amended, to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registry program; **Pages H10094–99**

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims: H. Res. 757, to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims; **Pages H10099–H10101**

Amending chapter 40 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation of explosive materials for delivery to a federally recognized Indian tribe or an agency of such a tribe from various Federal criminal prohibitions relating to explosives: H.R. 1333, amended, to amend chapter 40 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation of explosive materials for delivery to a federally recognized Indian tribe or an agency of such a tribe from various Federal criminal prohibitions relating to explosives; **Page H10101**

Honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug for his many contributions to alleviating world hunger: H. Res. 739, to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug for his many contributions to alleviating world hunger; **Pages H10101–05**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty: H. Con. Res. 51, amended, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty; and **Pages H10106–08**

Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009: S. 1707, to authorize appropriations for fiscal

years 2010 through 2014 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people.

Pages H10108–21

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of emergency response providers and law enforcement agents nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service: H. Res. 731, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of emergency response providers and law enforcement agents nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service on the Nation's front lines in the war against acts of terrorism; **Pages H10078–80**

Congratulating the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 Women's College World Series: H. Res. 517, to congratulate the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 Women's College World Series; **Pages H10080–82**

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University: H. Res. 487, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University; **Pages H10083–84**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month: H. Res. 692, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month; and **Pages H10087–88**

Expressing the sense of Congress that China release democratic activist Liu Xiaobo from imprisonment: H. Con. Res. 151, amended, to express the sense of Congress that China release democratic activist Liu Xiaobo from imprisonment.

Pages H10105–06

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 29th:

Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009: H.R. 2442, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 240 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 743. **Pages H10121–22**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measures which were debated on Tuesday, September 29th:

Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1771, amended, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 338 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 744 and **Page H10122**

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009: H.R. 1053, amended, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 745. **Pages H10122–23**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10077–78 and H10143.

Senate Referrals: S. Res. 293 was held at the desk. **Page H10077**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10121–22, H10122, H10122–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL RESEARCH TITLE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held hearing to review the implementation of the research title of the 2008 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

U.S. EFFORTS IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of ongoing U.S. efforts in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael Vickers, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; and GEN Ray Odierno, U.S.A., Commanding General Multi-National Force, Iraq.

TEACHER EQUITY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Teacher Equity: Effective Teachers for All Children. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fattah and Price of Georgia; and public witnesses.

DATA ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRUST ACT; INFORMED P2P USER ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; and H.R. 1319, Informed P2P User Act.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Consumer Financial Protection Agency.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Reforming Credit Rating Agencies.” Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Gallagher, Co-Acting Director, Division of Trading and Markets, SEC; and public witnesses.

REGISTERED TRAVELER PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Registered Traveler Program.” Testimony was heard from John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CYBERBULLYING/CHILDREN’S ONLINE SAFETY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Cyberbullying and other Online Safety Issues for Children, including the following bills: H.R. 1966, Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act; and H.R. 3630, Adolescent Web Awareness Requires Education Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Linda T. Sánchez of California, and Debbie Wasserman Schultz; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2489, amended, AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act; H.R. 1471, amended, To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3537, Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3433, To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements

regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1065, amended, White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009; H.R. 3254, amended, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 3342, amended, Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act.

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis.” Testimony was heard from former Senator Alfonse M. D’Amato of New York, former Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 3183 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The Committee on Rules: granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3183 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion of recommit if applicable.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3650, Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 3585, Solar Technology Roadmap Act; and H.R. 3598, Energy and Water Research Integration Act.

EXPIRING SMALL BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Expiring Tax Incentives: Examining Their Importance for Small Businesses on the Road to an Economic Recovery.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAST GUARD’S SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on A Review of the Coast Guard’s Search and Rescue Mission. Testimony was

heard from RADM Sally Brice-O’Hara, Deputy Commandant, Operations, U.S. Coast Guard.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on This is NOT a Test: Will the Nation’s Emergency Alert System Deliver the President’s Message to the Public? Testimony was heard from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Damon C. Penn, Assistant Administrator, National Continuity Programs, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Richard Muth, Executive Director, Emergency Management Agency, State Emergency Operations Center, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

VA ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on Energy Efficiency at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Kevin Kampschroer, Acting Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, GSA; Richard G. Kidd, IV, Program Manager, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; James M. Sullivan, Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1065)

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 sportsmanship in golf. (Public Law 111–65)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled “America’s Healthy Future Act of 2009”, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan’s impact on Pakistan, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine violence against women, focusing on global costs and consequences, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David S. Ferriero, of North Carolina, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and the nominations of Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Charlene Edwards Honeywell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and David Lyle Cargill, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire, and Timothy J. Heaphy, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, both of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the President’s new plan for missile defenses in Europe and the implications for international security, 9 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Ensuring Economic Opportunities for Young Americans, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009 and H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Federal Reserve Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals,” 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the Afghan Elections: Who Lost What? 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled “Preparedness: State of Citizen and Community Preparedness,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, to consider Requests to the Department of Homeland Security for Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of two private relief bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1036, Veterans Physical Therapy Services Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2504, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide

for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 2559, Help Our Homeless Veterans Act; H.R. 2735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to the comprehensive service program for homeless veterans; H.R. 3073, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless; H.R. 3441, To provide for automatic enrollment of vet-

erans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system; and a Draft Discussion on Homelessness and Graduate Psychology Education, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on funding levels of defined benefit pension plans and the rules that apply to investment advice, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Update on Security Clearance Reform, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 90 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Subject to a Rule). Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

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