

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9993–S10078

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1735–1748, S.J. Res. 20, S. Res. 297–300, and S. Con. Res. 42–43.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections. (S. Rept. No. 111–85)

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Measures Passed:

Acceptance of Helen Keller Statue: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 42, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

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Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

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Filipino American History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, recognizing Filipino American History Month in October 2009.

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National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2009.

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Fire Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, supporting the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week and the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of this Nation.

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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 amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Kaufman Modified Amendment No. 2578, to provide for the continuing support of certain civilian-military training for civilians deploying to Afghanistan.

Pages S10019, S10021

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 304), Levin Amendment No. 2593, relating to hearings on the strategy and resources of the United States with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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Shelby Amendment No. 2594, to require reports on certain elements of the ballistic missile defense system.

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Brownback Amendment No. 2598, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

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Inouye (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2571, to require a report on the use by the Department of Defense of live primates in training programs relating to chemical and biological agents.

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Chambliss Modified Amendment No. 2621, to express the Sense of the Senate on Joint STARS re-engining.

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Coburn Amendment No. 2563, to require public disclosure of certain reports.

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Franken Amendment No. 2588, to prohibit the use of funds for any Federal contract with Halliburton Company, KBR, Inc., any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, or any other contracting party if such contractor or a subcontractor at any tier under such contract requires that employees or independent contractors sign mandatory arbitration clauses regarding certain claims. **Pages S10027, S10028**

Sanders Amendment No. 2617, to require a report on Federal contracting fraud.

Pages S10033–34, S10044–45, S10052

Sanders Amendment No. 2559, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army \$12,000,000 for the peer-reviewed Gulf War Illness Research Program of the Army.

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Inouye (for Reid/Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 2562, to express the sense of Congress, and to require a report, on expanding the mission of the Nevada Test Site.

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Inouye (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2568, to make available from amounts available for the Office of the Secretary of Defense \$250,000 for the declassification of the 2001 nuclear posture review.

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Inouye (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 2614, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, \$15,000,000 for implementation of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.

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Inouye (for Hagan) Amendment No. 2615, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to dispose of claims filed regarding water contamination at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, until the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) fully completes all current, ongoing epidemiological and water modeling studies.

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Casey Modified Amendment No. 2592, to ensure that work under contracts under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program complies with certain standards.

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Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 305), 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.

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Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 2569, to restore \$294,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congress-

ionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects.

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Chambliss/Kyl Amendment No. 2608, to appropriate an additional \$900,000,000 for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund.

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Pending:

Coburn Amendment No. 2565, to ensure transparency and accountability by providing that each member of Congress and the Secretary of Defense has the ability to review \$1,500,000,000 in taxpayer funds allocated to the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces.

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Barrasso Amendment No. 2567, to prohibit the use of funds for the Center on Climate Change and National Security of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Franken (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 2596, to limit the early retirement of tactical aircraft.

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Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2585, to restore certain funds for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congressionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects.

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Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2566, to restore \$166,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations, by eliminating low-priority congressionally directed spending items for all operations and maintenance accounts.

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Sanders/Dorgan Amendment No. 2601, to make available from Overseas Contingency Operations \$20,000,000 for outreach and reintegration services under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

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Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2616, Relating to the two-stage ground-based interceptor missile.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, that the following list of first-degree amendments be the only amendments remaining in order to the bill, other than any other pending amendments, if not listed, and the committee substitute amendment; that no second-degree amendment or side-by-side amendment be in order to any of the listed amendments, except Barrasso Amendment No. 2567 (listed above); Franken (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 2596 (listed Above); Coburn Amendment No. 2565 (listed above); Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2566

(listed above); Sanders/Dorgan Amendment No. 2601 (listed above); Inhofe Amendment No. 2618; McCain Amendment No. 2580; McCain Amendment No. 2584; McCain Amendment No. 2560, with an Inouye side-by-side amendment in order and would be voted prior to the vote in relation to the McCain Amendment No. 2560; McCain Amendment No. 2583; Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2616 (listed above); that it be in order for the managers to offer a managers amendment that has been cleared by the managers and the two Leaders, and that if offered, the amendment be considered and agreed to; that in the case in which the managers are agreeable with a modification of a listed amendment, then the amendment be so modified with the changes agreed upon; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the committee reported substitute, as amended, be agreed to; and vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with the Subcommittee appointed as conferees; provided further that if a point of order is raised and sustained against the substitute amendment, then it be in order for a new substitute to be offered, minus the offending provision; that the new substitute be considered and agreed to; no further amendments be in order, with provisions in this agreement listed after adoption of the original substitute amendment remaining in effect; that the vote sequence with respect to the listed amendment be entered later and that the only debate time remaining be two minutes, equally divided in the usual form, prior to each vote and that in any sequenced votes, the vote be limited to ten minutes each after the first vote, further that the cloture motions be withdrawn. **Page S10054**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2009, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice Appropriations Act; that once the bill is reported, there be debate only, with no amendments in order except the committee reported substitute. **Page S10054**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Roszell Hunter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of

the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2009.

Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2014.

Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013.

Sara Manzano-Diaz, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—305) **Pages S10025, S10027**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10078.)

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 Friday, October 2, 2009.

AFGHANISTAN'S IMPACT ON PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan's impact on Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Maleeha Lodhi, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Steve Coll, New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Milton A. Bearden, Reston, Virginia.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine violence against women, focusing on global costs and consequences, after receiving testimony from Melanne Verveer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, and Stephen J. Rapp, Ambassador-at-Large for War Crime Issues, both of the Department of State; Major General Patrick Cammaert (Ret.), United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York, New York; Donald Steinberg, International Crisis Group, Brussels, Belgium; Geeta Rao Gupta, International Center for Research on Women, Washington, D.C.; and Esta Soler, Family Violence Prevention Fund, San Francisco, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David S. Ferriero, of North Carolina, to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hagan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

On July 31, 2009, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Levin (Chair), Carper, Pryor, McCaskill, Tester, Bennet, Coburn, Collins, McCain, and Ensign.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia: Senators Akaka (Chair), Levin, Landrieu, Burriss, Bennet, Voinovich, Graham, and Bennett.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security: Senators Carper (Chair), Levin, Akaka, Pryor, McCaskill, Burriss, McCain, Coburn, Voinovich, and Ensign.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration: Senators Pryor (Chair), Akaka, Landrieu, Tester, Bennet, Ensign, Voinovich, and Graham.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery: Senators Landrieu (Chair), McCaskill, Burriss, Graham, and Bennett.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight: Senators McCaskill (Chair), Levin, Carper, Pryor, Tester,

Bennet, Bennett, Collins, Coburn, McCain, and Graham.

(The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee are also ex-officio members of every subcommittee.)

On September 29, 2009, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Levin (Chair), Carper, Pryor, McCaskill, Tester, Kirk, Coburn, Collins, McCain, and Ensign.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia: Senators Akaka (Chair), Levin, Landrieu, Burriss, Kirk, Voinovich, Graham, and Bennett.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security: Senators Carper (Chair), Levin, Akaka, Pryor, McCaskill, Burriss, McCain, Coburn, Voinovich, and Ensign.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration: Senators Pryor (Chair), Akaka, Landrieu, Tester, Ensign, Voinovich, and Graham.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery: Senators Landrieu (Chair), McCaskill, Burriss, Graham, and Bennett.

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(The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee are also ex-officio members of every subcommittee.)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, Charlene Edwards Honeywell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 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.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3687–3718; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 193; and H. Res. 789–795, were introduced. **Pages H10455–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10457–58**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2393, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of marked absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters (H. Rept. 111–281). **Page H10455**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Davis (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10411**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Adam Dooley, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. **Page H10411**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Price (NC) motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages H10413–18**

Agreed to the Rogers (KY) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 746. **Pages H10413–18**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Price (NC), Serrano, Rodriguez, Ruppertsberger, Mollohan, Lowey, Roybal-Allard, Farr, Rothman (NJ), Obey, Rogers (KY), Carter, Culberson, Kirk, Calvert, and Lewis (CA). **Pages H10419–20**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H10418**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, September 30th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 747; **Pages H10418–19**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 748; **Page H10419**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 750; **Pages H10423–24**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 751; and **Page H20424**

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. **Page H10433**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a ye-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 752. **Pages H10424–33**

H. Res. 788, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 749. **Pages H10420–23**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th for morning-hour debate. **Page H10435**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10411.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10417–18, H10418–19, H10419, H10422–23, H10423–24, H10424, and H10432–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EUROPEAN MISSILE DEFENSE PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the President's new plan for missile defenses in Europe and the implications for international security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; and LTG Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Ensuring Economic Opportunities for Young Americans. Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM SECURITY ACT; CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a 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. Testimony was heard from Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL REFORM PROPOSALS—FEDERAL RESERVE PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Federal Reserve Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

AFGHAN ELECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the Afghan Elections: Who Lost What? Testimony was heard from J. Alexander Thier, Director, Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. Institute for Peace; W. Lorne Craner, former Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Preparedness: State of Citizen and Community Preparedness." Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

REQUEST TO DHS FOR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON BENEFICIARIES OF PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law approved Requests to the Department of Homeland Security for Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of two private relief bills.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 86, To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; H.R. 118, To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; H.R. 1925, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 2689, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2781, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 2888, Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Senators Hatch, and Robert F. Bennett of Utah; Representatives Matheson, Perriello, Schrader and Campbell; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop,

Deputy Chief, Forest Service, National Forest System, USDA; Gregory Bell, Lieutenant Governor of Utah; and public witnesses.

TRANSNATIONAL DRUG ENTERPRISES THREATS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Transnational Drug Enterprises Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security from Southwest Asia, Latin America, and West Africa.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINDING BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE UNIVERSE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Finding the Building Blocks of the Universe. Testimony was heard from Dennis Kovar, Director, Office of High Energy Physics, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: 225-Day Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment. Testimony was heard from Ray H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; John Cox, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a 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 veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system. The Subcommittee also had a draft discussion on Homelessness and Graduate Psychology Education and Psychiatric Service Dogs. Testimony was heard from

Representatives Filner, Herseth Sandlin, Hare, Teague, Rodriguez, Nye and Arcuri; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PENSION PLAN FUNDING LEVELS INVESTMENT ADVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on funding levels of defined benefit pension plans and the rules that apply to investment advice. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UPDATE ON SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Update on Security Clearance Reform. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; John Berry, Director, OPM; David Shedd, Principal Deputy Director, National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Brenda Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and Beth McGrath, Assistant Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1114)

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. Signed on September 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–66)

S. 1677, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes. Signed on September 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–67)

H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on October 1, 2009. (Public Law 111–68)

H.R. 3607, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on October 1, 2009. (Public Law 111–69)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 5 through October 10, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 4 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 6, to hold hearings to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on administration perspectives on economic sanctions and other United States policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

October 7, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, 10 a.m., SD–538.

October 9, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit to manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 6, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine promoting export success for small and medium-sized businesses, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

October 7, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization

of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

October 8, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government’s reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: October 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 6, to hold hearings to examine Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110–21), 10 a.m., SD–419.

October 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Al-Qaeda, focusing on Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

October 7, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed agreement between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on civilian nuclear cooperation, 10 a.m., SD–419.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, both of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be

United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 7, business meeting to consider the nominations of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, Lorelei Boylan, of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Labor, and Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 7, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the 2010 census, focusing on a status update of key decennial operations, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 6, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine accountability for human rights violators, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 6, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the history and legality of executive branch “czars”, 2 p.m., SD-226.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine workplace fairness, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 4 p.m., SD-226.

October 8, Full Committee, 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, and S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 8, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on faith-based perspectives, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 6, to hold hearings to examine the Recovery Act for small businesses, focusing on what is working and what comes next, 10 a.m., SR-485.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health care solutions for America’s small businesses, 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: October 8, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans’

Affairs response to certain military exposures, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 6, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 7, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review implementation of the conservation title of the 2008 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 8, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on the Department of Defense’s Rapid Acquisition Process: Is It a Model for Improving Acquisition? 8 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 8, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Examining Innovative Practices to Improve Child Nutrition, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 7, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Growing U.S. Trade in Green Technology,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 7, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1740, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009; H.R. 1691, Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 2279, Eliminating Disparities in Breast Cancer Treatment Act of 2009; H.R. 995, Mammogram and MRI Availability Act of 2009; and H.R. 2042, Better Screening Test for Women Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 6, hearing entitled “Capital Markets Regulatory Reform: Strengthening Investor Protection, Enhancing Oversight of Private Pools of Capital and Creating a National Insurance Office,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 7, hearing entitled “Reform of the Over-the-Counter Derivative Market: Limited Risk and Ensuring Fairness,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 8, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2382, Credit Card Interchange Fees Act of 2009; and H.R. 3639, Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “The Future of the Federal Housing Administration’s Capital Reserves: Assumptions, Predictions and Implications for Homebuyers,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 8, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on Civil Rights Under Fire: Recent Supreme Court Decisions, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 7, full Committee, oversight hearing entitled “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA),” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 7, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled

“Medicaid’s Efforts to Reform Since the Preventable Death of Deamonte Driver: A Progress Report,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 7, to consider pending measures, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Investing in High-Risk, High-Reward Research, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 7, hearing entitled “The State of the Nation’s Housing Sector: An Examination of the First Time Buyer’s Credit and Future Policies to Sustain a Recovery.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 6, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters: The Long Island Sound, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 7, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Qualifications and Credentialing of Mariners: A Continuing Examination, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 8, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act; H.R. 2243, Surviving Spouses’ Benefit Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3544, National Cemeteries Expansion Act of 2009; and draft legislation, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 8, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up pending measures, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 7, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measurers, hearing on tax incentives for distressed communities, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

October 8, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing to evaluate the response of “safety net” programs during the recession, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

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The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

EXECUTIVE DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through September 30, 2009

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	135	118	..
Time in session	972 hrs., 32'	916 hrs., 43'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	9,992	10,409	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	2,407	..
Public bills enacted into law	19	46	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	7	6	..
Measures passed, total	350	692	..
Senate bills	50	18	..
House bills	61	285	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	6	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	18	8	..
House concurrent resolutions	25	50	..
Simple resolutions	187	321	..
Measures reported, total	*134	*266	..
Senate bills	75	1	..
House bills	26	163	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	7	..
Simple resolutions	28	95	..
Special reports	20	7	..
Conference reports .....	..	7	..
Measures pending on calendar	99	36	..
Measures introduced, total	2,080	4,719	..
Bills	1,724	3,678	..
Joint resolutions	19	61	..
Concurrent resolutions	41	192	..
Simple resolutions	296	788	..
Quorum calls	3	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	303	377	..
Recorded votes .....	..	366	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through September 30, 2009

Civilian nominations, totaling 513, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	343
Unconfirmed	159
Withdrawn	11
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,865, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,183
Unconfirmed	682
Air Force nominations, totaling 7,093, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,804
Unconfirmed	1,289
Army nominations, totaling 6,451, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,400
Unconfirmed	51
Navy nominations, totaling 4,376, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,659
Unconfirmed	717
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,482, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,479
Unconfirmed	3
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	21,780
Total confirmed	18,868
Total unconfirmed	2,901
Total withdrawn	11
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, October 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, October 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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