

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10499–S10531*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1796–1799, and S. Res. 314. **Page S10520**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1796, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending. (S. Rept. No. 111–89) **Page S10520**

**Measures Passed:**

**Public Health Service Act:** Senate passed S. 1793, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10524–30**

Brown (for Harkin/Enzi) Amendment No. 2692, to make certain technical and conforming changes. **Page S10525**

**Girl Scouts Centennial Commemorative Coin Act:** Senate passed H.R. 621, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10530**

**National Character Counts Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, designating the week beginning October 18, 2009, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S10530–31**

**Medicare Physicians Fairness Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1776, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula, occur at a time to be determined with the concurrence of the two Leaders. **Pages S10517–18**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached pro-

viding that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with debate on the conference report limited to three hours and 15 minutes, with the time divided as follows: 1 hour under the control of the Majority Leader, or his designee; and two hours and 15 minutes under the control of the Republican Leader, or his designee; that if any points of order are raised, any votes on the motions to waive occur upon the use or yielding back of time identified above; provided further, that upon disposition of the points of order, and if the motions to waive are successful, Senate then vote immediately on adoption of the conference report, with two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled, prior to any sequence of votes with respect to the conference report. **Page S10518**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the emergency declared pertaining significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2009, as received during adjournment of the Senate on October 16, 2009; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33) **Page S10519**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to The Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2008 (HOPEII) (P.L. 110–246) that amended the Caribbean Basin Economy Recovery Act (CBERA) making certain additional products from Haiti eligible for preferential tariff treatment after October 18, 2009, as received during the adjournment of the Senate on October 16, 2009; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–34) **Page S10519**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S10519**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S10519**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S10519–20**

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S10520–21  
 Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S10521–24  
 Additional Statements: Pages S10518–19  
 Amendments Submitted: Page S10524  
 Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

tober 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10531.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the state of the nation's housing market, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1631, to reauthorize customs facilitation and trade enforcement functions and programs, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine medical debt, focusing on bankruptcy reform, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine health care solutions for America's small businesses, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 2708, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2009, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The High Cost of Small Business Health Insurance: Limited Options, Limited Coverage," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Assistance,* to continue consideration of the following measures: October 2, Discussion Draft of the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009; September 25, Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009); H.R. 3763, To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses; and H.R. 3639 Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Girls in the Juvenile Justice System: Strategies to Help Girls Achieve Their full Potential, 2:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1672, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Authorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 2548, Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "National Archives: Advisory Committees and their Effectiveness," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider H.R. 3585, Space Technology Roadmap Act, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Looking Out for the Very Young, the Elderly and Others with Special Needs: Lessons from Katrina and other Major Disasters, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.