

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10869–S10944

Measures Introduced: Five hundred and seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2014–2520, and S. Res. 328–329. **Pages S10914–24**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further revised allocation to subcommittees of budget totals from the concurrent resolution, fiscal year 2010.” (S. Rept. No. 111–94)

S. 797, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–93) **Page S10914**

Measures Passed:

Credit CARD Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 3606, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to make a technical correction to an amendment made by the Credit CARD Act of 2009, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10943**

Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10943**

Reid (for Schumer/Bennett) Amendment No. 2720, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10943**

National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, recognizing the month of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S10943**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10909–11**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10909–11**

Reid Amendment No. 2713 (to Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2714 (to Amendment No. 2713), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2715 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2712), to change the enactment date. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2716 (to Amendment No. 2715), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 2717, to change the enactment date. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2718 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 2717) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

Reid Amendment No. 2719 (to Amendment No. 2718), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10910**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 29, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 2, 2009.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, November 2, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, November 2, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and the time until 5 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus/Reid) Amendment No. 2712 (listed above).

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Conference Reports:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 331), Senate agreed to conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 330), Senate agreed to the motion to waive certain provisions of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for consideration of the conference report.

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House Messages:

Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1929, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

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Cellphone Texting Injuries and Death Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 1938, to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

William M. Conley, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Brian Anthony Jackson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

James P. Lynch, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, which was sent to the Senate on August 5, 2009.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—331)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10943–44.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Representative Christopher Murphy; Ann O'Hara, Technical Assistance Collaborative, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; Michelle Norris, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Columbus, Ohio; Toby Halliday, National Housing Trust, and Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Michael Jones, Brick, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2009".

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions: Senators Johnson (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Tester, Kohl, Merkley, Bennet, Crapo, Bennett, Johanns, Hutchison, Bunning DeMint, and Gregg.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Menendez (Chair), Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Akaka, Brown, Tester, Kohl, Warner, Merkley, Vitter, Hutchison, Crapo, Corker, DeMint, Johanns, and Gregg.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Reed (Chair), Johnson, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Brown, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Bunning, Gregg, Bennett, Crapo, Corker, Vitter, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Brown (Chair), Tester, Merkley, Dodd, and DeMint.

Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Bayh (Chair), Kohl, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Corker, and Bennett.

PERFORMANCE-INFORMED BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine performance-informed budgeting, fo-

cus on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service, after receiving testimony from Jeffery D. Zients, Chief Performance Officer and Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Michael Barber, McKinsey and Company, London, United Kingdom; and Paul L. Posner, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, focusing on implementing leading management practices and addressing human capital and training center issues, after receiving testimony from Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 607, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 1328 and H.R. 689, bills to provide for the exchange of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, S. 1442, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, establish a grant program for Indian Youth Service Corps, help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service, and H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Stanton, Deputy Assistant Secretary

of the Interior for Policy and Program Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Bill Crapser, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Cheyenne; Rusty Gregory, Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, Mammoth Lakes, California, on behalf of the National Ski Areas Association; Ryan Bidwell, Colorado Wild, Durango; and Cassandra Moseley, University of Oregon Institute for a Sustainable Environment, Eugene.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS AND AMERICAN POWER ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from Linda Adams, California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary, and Mike McKeever, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, both of Sacramento, California; Preston Chiaro, Rio Tinto, London, United Kingdom; John W. Rowe, Exelon Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Willett Kempton, University of Delaware Center for Carbon-free Power Integration, Newark; Robert Winger, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, East Helena, Montana; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; Mike Carey, Ohio Coal Association, Columbus, Ohio; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Sherry Boehlert, Bipartisan Policy Center, William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Ned Helme, Center for Clean Air Policy, Jonathan Lash, World Resources Institute, Iain Murray, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Dave Johnson, Laborers' International Union of North America, David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, all from Washington, D.C.; Barbara Windsor, Hahn Transportation, New Market, Maryland, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc.; Stephan Dolezalek, VantagePoint Venture Partners, San Bruno, California; Eugene M. Trisko, United Mine Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; and Matt Smorch, CountryMark, Indianapolis, Indiana.

FEDERAL CYBER DEFENSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal cyber defense, focusing on the concerted effort needed to improve Federal performance

measures, after receiving testimony from former Representative Tom Davis; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and John Streufert, Chief Information Security Officer, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Security, Bureau of Information Resource Management, Department of State.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping workers preserve retirement security through a recession, focusing on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's process for determining the amount of benefits to be paid, and PBGC's recoupment process when the estimated benefit provided is too high and a retiree receives an overpayment that must be repaid, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Bruce Gump, Delphi Salaried Retiree Association, Warren, Ohio; David R. Jury, United Steelworkers International Union, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Richard Jones, Hewitt Associates, LLC, Lincolnshire, Illinois; Ronald Peterson, Johns Hopkins Health System and Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Ron Gebhardt, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; and Randy G. DeFrehn, National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans, and Karen D. Friedman, Pension Rights Center, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Carmen Milagros Ortiz, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and Edward J. Tarver, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, 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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David C. Gompert, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3961–3977; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 877–882, were introduced. **Pages H12140–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H12141–42**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
In the Matter of Representative Sam Graves (H. Rept. 111–320). **Page H12140**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H12047**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, October 27th:

Encouraging the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families: S. Con. Res. 45, to encourage the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 825. **Page H12057**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 247 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 826. **Pages H12057–68**

H. Res. 876, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 824, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 236 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 823.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of David Treen, former Member of Congress. **Pages H12068–69**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, October 28th:

Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of the United States: H. Res. 783, amended, to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month and to celebrate the vast contribu-

tions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 827 and **Page H12069**

Expressing support for designation of a “National Firefighters Memorial Day” to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States: H. Res. 729, amended, to express support for designation of a “National Firefighters Memorial Day” to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 831. **Pages H12117–18**

Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 3854, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve programs providing access to capital under such Acts, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 389 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 830.

Pages H12074–H12117

Agreed to the Cantor motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 272 yeas to 149 noes, Roll No. 829. Subsequently, Representative Velázquez reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H12114–16**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–317 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H12079**

Agreed to:

Velázquez manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill, including clarifications of legislative intent; **Pages H12099–H12100**

Schock amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires the SBA Administrator to pay the claim of a lender who demonstrates it followed the applicable requirements of the National Lender Training Program (Sec. 106), unless the SBA has clear and convincing evidence demonstrating that the lender failed to comply with regulatory requirements; **Pages H12100–01**

Schock amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires quarterly reports on the SBA Administrator’s progress towards the expansion of the Renewable Energy Capital Investment

Program. It requires the SBA Administrator to establish regulations necessary to carry out the program within 180 days after enactment;

Pages H12101–02

Bright amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires each of the SBA district offices to establish a marketing plan for rural businesses regarding financing and investment alternatives, designate an employer as a Rural Business Outreach Specialist, and host at least one annual outreach seminar;

Pages H12102–03

Kosmas amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that adds “photonics technology” to the list of targeted business sectors qualified to receive grants under the Small Business Early-Stage Investment Program;

Pages H12104–05

Gingrey amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that increases from 5 years to 7 years the period to participate in the Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Program;

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Kratovil amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that gives the SBA Administrator authority under the 7(a) program to guarantee 100 percent of loans made to veteran owned small businesses;

Pages H12105–06

Paulsen amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires a study and a report to Congress by the SBA, within one year of enactment, to determine the feasibility of a program to increase investment in the research, development and commercialization of medical technology by small businesses in a similar manner to the renewable energy program currently administered by the SBA;

Pages H12106–07

Massa amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that creates youth entrepreneurship programs in the Small Business Administration to assist the development of new businesses by young people who remain in their local area;

Pages H12107–08

Kissell amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that amends Section 7(a)(7) of the Small Business Act to allow for repayment of SBA 7(A) loans (granted to small businesses after enactment of this bill) to be deferred for a maximum of 12 months from receipt of final loan disbursement if that small business concern is classified in sector 23 of the North American Industry Classification System;

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Peters amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that increases the maximum amount of stabilization loans in high unemployment areas to \$75,000 and delays repayment of stabilization loans in high unemployment areas to 18 months for new loans made after enactment of this

act. It gives the SBA Administrator ability to designate high unemployment areas as eligible for operating assistance grants under the new market venture capital program;

Pages H12109–10

Miller (MI) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires individuals directly engaged in loan application analysis and/or underwriting under the new Capital Backstop Program (Sec. 111) to have at least two years’ worth of experience in those activities;

Pages H12110–11

Miller (MI) amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that clarifies that the Capital Backstop Program (Sec. 111) is authorized to start immediately and to operate through 2011, regardless of whether the recession is declared officially over during that time or SBA loan volume drops another 30% next year. It restores such requirements after September 30, 2011;

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Nye amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that allows the SBA Administrator to make loans to homeowners to be used for the repair or replacement of toxic drywall manufactured in China; and

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Flake amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that prohibits the earmarking of grants made available through the Small Business Early-Stage Investment program (by a recorded vote of 370 ayes to 55 noes, Roll No. 828).

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Withdrawn:

Foxx amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have explicitly sunset all programs contained in the bill at the end of their authorizations or five years, whichever is earlier. The Administrator would have maintained the authority to carry out responsibilities regarding all outstanding loans, grants, and other outstanding commitments made before the authorization expiration.

Pages H12108–09

H. Res. 875, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H12069–74

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd for morning hour debate, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd for morning hour debate and 9 a.m for legislative business.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive Her Excellency Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may

be in order at any time on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting Her Excellency Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H12123–24.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12055–56, H12056, H12057, H12068, H12069, H12113–14, H12115–16, H12116–17, and H12117–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NEXT GENERATION BIOFUELS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the future of next generation biofuels. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary, Rural Development; and Rajiv Shah, Under Secretary, Research, Education, Economics; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE SMALL BUSINESS ACQUISITION

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Can DOD Improve Innovation and Competition in Acquisition by Better Utilizing Small Business? Testimony was heard from Linda Oliver, Acting Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; and Calvin Jenkins, Deputy Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA.

DEFEATING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Other Asymmetric Threats: Reviewing the Performance and Oversight of the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Thomas F. Metz, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Organization; and James A. Schear, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations; and William Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

NEVADA'S WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Nevada's Workplace Health and Safety Enforcement Program: OSHA's Finding and Recommendations. Testimony was heard from Senator Harry Reid of Nevada; Jordan Barab, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor; Donald E. Jayne, Administrator, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009.

SYSTEMIC REGULATION, PRUDENTIAL MATTERS, RESOLUTION AUTHORITY AND SECURITIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Systemic Regulation, Prudential Matters, Resolution Authority and Securitization." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Daniel K. Tarullo, Governor, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas R. Sullivan, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on A Call to Action on Food Security: the Administration's Global Strategy. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

STANDARDIZING HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Creating 'One DHS' Part I: Standardizing Department of Homeland Security Financial Management." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General; and Peggy Sherry, Acting Chief Financial Office; and Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Issues, GAO.

YOUTH PROMISE ACT; CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RACIAL DISPARITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 1064, Youth PROMISE Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. Testimony was heard from Representative Cohen; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1506, To provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances; H. Res. 159, as amended, Honoring the New Hampshire State Senate for becoming the first statewide legislative body with a majority of women in the United States; H. Res. 727, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; H. Res. 736, Honoring President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on "Dedication Day," November 19, 2009; H. Res. 742, Congratulating the Warner Robins Little League softball team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2009 Little League Softball World Series; H. Res. 743, Honoring the life of Frank McCourt for his many contributions to American literature, education and culture; H. Res. 780, Recognizing the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October; H. Res. 798, Conveying the best wishes of the House of Representatives to those celebrating Diwali; and H.R. 1849, as amended, World War I Memorial and Centennial Act of 2009; H.R. 3250, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 West Main Street in Riverhead, New York, as the "Private First Class Garfield M. Langhorn Post Office Building"; H.R. 3539, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building"; H.R. 3634, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office"; H.R. 3667, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building"; H.R. 3767, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 North Main Street in Smithfield, Utah, as the "W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building"; H.R. 3788, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Jo-

seph A. Tomci Post Office Building"; S. 748, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the "Cesar E. Chavez Post Office"; and S. 1211, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building."

FUSION ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Next Generation of Fusion Energy Research. Testimony was heard from Edmund Synakowski, Director, Office of Fusion Energy Science, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

ADDRESSING DISTRACTED DRIVING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Addressing the Problem of Distracted Driving. Testimony was heard from Representative McCarthy of New York; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; 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.

FRAUDULENT LETTERS OPPOSING CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Fraudulent Letters Opposing Clean Energy Legislation." Testimony was heard from Representative Perriello; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RECOVERY ACT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the Recovery Act on economic growth, after receiving testimony from J. Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce; Karen E. Dynan, Brookings Institution, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and Mark Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1247)

H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010. Signed on October 28, 2009. (Public Law 111–84)

H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on October 28, 2009. (Public Law 111–85)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “The Overdraft Protection Act of 2009,” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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10 a.m., Friday, October 30

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