

Monday, November 9, 2009

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 210, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11259–S11303*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2751–2758, and S. Res. 345–348. **Page S11290**

**Measures Passed:**

*Adjournment Resolution:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 210, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S11268**

*John ‘Bud’ Hawk Post Office:* Senate passed H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the “John ‘Bud’ Hawk Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office:* Senate passed H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the “Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*In Honor of former Congressman Wesley ‘Wes’ Watkins:* Senate passed H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office:* Senate passed H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the “Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*John J. Shiven Post Office Building:* Senate passed H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the “John J. Shiven Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building:* Senate passed H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office:* Senate passed H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Lim Poon Lee Post Office:* Senate passed H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Lim Poon Lee Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office:* Senate passed H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

*Rex E. Lee Post Office Building:* Senate passed H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the “Rex E. Lee Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11300**

**Relocation Expenses Test Programs for Federal Employees:** Senate passed S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11300–01**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2768, to modify the effective date. **Page S11300**

**United States Agency for International Development (USAID):** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the Senate on empowering and strengthening the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S11301**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2769, to improve the resolution. **Page S11301**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2770, to amend the preamble. **Page S11301**

**21st Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 346, expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 21st Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should seek to ensure management of the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery adheres to the scientific advice provided by the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics and has a high probability of achieving the established rebuilding target, pursue strengthened protections for spawning bluefin populations in the Mediterranean Sea to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, pursue imposition of more stringent measures to ensure compliance by all Members with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and ensure that United States' quotas of tuna and swordfish are not reallocated to other nations. **Pages S11301–02**

#### Measures Considered:

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11265–73, S11283–84**

#### Pending:

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2730, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11265**

Udall (NM) Amendment No. 2737 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available from Medical

Services, \$150,000,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs. **Page S11265**

Johnson Amendment No. 2733 (to Amendment No. 2730), to increase by \$50,000,000 the amount available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for minor construction projects for the purpose of converting unused Department of Veterans Affairs structures into housing with supportive services for homeless veterans, and to provide an offset. **Page S11267**

Franken/Johnson Amendment No. 2745 (to Amendment No. 2730), to ensure that \$5,000,000 is available for a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities. **Pages S11267–68**

Inouye Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2730), to permit \$68,500,000, as requested by the Missile Defense Agency of the Department of Defense, to be used for the construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe, with an offset. **Pages S11269–70**

Coburn Amendment No. 2757 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Page S11270**

Durbin Amendment No. 2759 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain health care administrators and providers in underserved rural areas. **Page S11273**

Durbin Amendment No. 2760 (to Amendment No. 2730), to designate the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Illinois, as the "Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center". **Page S11273**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. **Page S11302**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 on November 14, 1994, as received during the adjournment of the Senate on November 6, 2009; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–38) **Page S11289**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 72 yeas 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 342), Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S11273–82, S11303**

By unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 343), Charlene Edwards Honeywell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S11282–83, S11303**

David C. Gompert, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. **Pages S11298–99, S11303**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Joshua Gotbaum, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

**Pages S11302–03**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S11289–90**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S11290**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S11298**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—343) **Pages S11282–83**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11302.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 1816, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program, and S. 1311, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico, after receiving testimony from Bryon Griffith, Director, Gulf of Mexico Program, and J. Charles Fox, Senior Advisor to Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Donald F. Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Cambridge; Ann Pesiri Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Annapolis, Maryland; Peter Hughes, Red Barn Consulting, Inc., East Petersburg, Pennsylvania; and Susan Parker Bodine, Barnes and Thornburg, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 210.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1288)

H.R. 1209, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861,

America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history. Signed on November 6, 2009. (Public Law 111-91)

H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation. Signed on November 6, 2009. (Public Law 111-92)

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. Signed on November 6, 2009. (Public Law 111-93)

H.J. Res. 26, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously. Signed on November 6, 2009. (Public Law 111-94)

S. 832, to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America. Signed on November 6, 2009. (Public Law 111-95)

S. 1694, to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012. Signed on November 6, 2009. (Public Law 111-96)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine ending veterans' homelessness, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine bipartisan process proposals for long-term fiscal stability, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine climate change legislation, focusing on considerations for future jobs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc.111-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on December 1, 2008, at Washington (Treaty Doc.111-03), convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (Treaty Doc.111-01), treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc.110-23), and international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc.110-19), 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Sudan, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine H1N1 and paid sick days, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Daniel I. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine strengthening our criminal justice system, focusing on extending the Innocence Protection Act, 10 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

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, November 16

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*(At approximately 10 a.m., Senate will observe a moment of silence to honor the victims of the attack at Fort Hood, Texas that occurred on November 5, 2009.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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