

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11393–11440*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2780–2790. **Page S11430**

#### Measures Passed:

***Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act:*** By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 348), Senate passed H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11403–07, S11407–11**

#### Adopted:

Inouye Modified 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 S11403, S11404**

Johnson (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2763 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide for the modification of a restriction of alienation of certain real property in Gulfport, Mississippi. **Pages S11405, 11406**

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 346), 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. **Pages S11403, 11405**

Feingold/Sanders Modified Amendment No. 2748 (to Amendment 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 for grants to community-based organizations and State and local government entities to conduct outreach to veterans in under-served areas. **Pages S11403, S11405–06**

Johnson (for Warner) Modified Amendment No. 2775 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require a study on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to address combat stress in women veterans. **Page S11406**

Johnson (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 2777 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require a study to identify the improvements to the information technology infrastructure of the Department of Veterans Affairs that are required to furnish health care services to veterans using telehealth platforms. **Pages S11406–07**

Johnson (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 2783 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available from Medical Services, \$1,000,000 for education debt reduction for mental health care professionals who agree to employment at the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S11406–07**

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2730, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11403–07, S11407–11**

#### Rejected:

DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730), to prohibit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to construct or modify a facility in the United States or its territories to permanently or temporarily hold any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 347), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11403, S11407–09**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Johnson, Inouye, Landrieu, Byrd, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Leahy, Hutchison, Brownback, McConnell, Collins, Murkowski, and Cochran. **Page S11411**

#### Appointments:

***Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public

Law 95–277, as amended by Public Law 102–246, appointed the following individuals as members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for five year terms: Elaine Wynn of Nevada, vice Bernard Rapoport, and Tom Girardi of California, vice Leo Hindery. **Page S11439**

**Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, that Senate begin consideration of S. 1963, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans; and that the bill be considered under the following limitations: that debate on the bill be limited to 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled between Senators Akaka and Burr, or their designees; that the only amendment in order be a Coburn amendment regarding funding priorities; that debate on the amendment be limited to three hours, with two hours under the control of Senator Coburn, and 60 minutes under the control of Senator Akaka, or his designee; that upon use or yielding back of all time, Senate vote on or in relation to the Coburn amendment; that upon disposition of the Coburn amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S11422**

**Senator Rockefeller—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Senator Rockefeller be recognized to speak. **Page S11439**

**Hamilton Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S11411–25**

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

By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 349), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S11421–22**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, and that the post-cloture time count during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business. **Page S11439**

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

Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2009.

Edith Ramirez, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2008.

Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Foreign Service. **Pages S11439–40**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—349) **Pages S11405, S11409, S11410, S11422**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11439.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the United States child nutrition programs, focusing on opportunities to fight hunger and improve child health, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, and Margaret L. Bogle, Executive Director, Delta Obesity Prevention Research Unit, Agricultural Research Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Rich Huddleston, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, and Rhonda Sanders, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance,