

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12019–S12092

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2820–2822, and S. Res. 365. **Page S12070**

Measures Passed:

Persecution of the Baha'i Minority in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 71, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12088–89**

Durbin (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2796, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12088**

Durbin (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2797, to amend the preamble. **Page S12088**

Wreaths Across America Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 358, designating December 12, 2009, as “Wreaths Across America Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12089**

50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Antarctic Treaty: Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty. **Page S12089**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12021–31, S12033–66**

Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786), to clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women.

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McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12021**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, for debate only, with no amendments or motions in order, and that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided; with alternating blocks of time with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes; the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes. **Page S12090**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with France (Treaty Doc. 111–4) (Ex. Rept. 111–1). **Pages S12069–70**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 354), Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S12031–33, S12092**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12070–71**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—354) **Pages S12032–33**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12090.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PILOT FATIGUE AND AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on pilot fatigue, after receiving testimony from Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration; Basil J. Barimo, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and John Prater, Air Line Pilots Association, International, both of Washington, D.C.; and William R. Voss, Flight Safety Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Murray, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Repub-

lic of Uruguay, who was introduced by Senator Klobuchar, Betty E. King, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, and Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, and Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the U.N. Human Rights Council, who were both introduced by Senator Gillibrand, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of O. Rogeriee Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, and Caryn A. Wagner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4159–4168; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216 and H. Res. 939–940, were introduced. **Pages H13385–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13386–87**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on November 19, 2009 as follows:

H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–342, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3029, to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle