

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12093–S12260

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2823–2824, and S. Res. 366. **Page S12160**

Measures Passed:

Extending Condolences to the Families of Fallen Lakewood Police Department Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, extending condolences to the families of Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Ronald Owens, and Officer Greg Richards. **Page S12259**

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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Adopted:

Vitter Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2791), to prevent the United States Preventive Service Task Force recommendations from restricting mammograms for women. **Page S12152**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12094–S12106, S12106–52**

Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786), to clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women. **Pages S12094, S12113–52**

McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12094**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill after any Leader time on Thursday, December 3, 2009, and that it be in order for any of the Majority or Republican bill managers to be recognized for a total period of time not to exceed 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled; that the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between Senator

Mikulski and the Republican Leader, or their designees; that the time until 11:45 a.m., be for debate with respect to Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786) (listed above), as amended, and McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions (listed above); and during this time, it be in order for Senator Murkowski to call up her amendment with respect to mammography, a copy of which is at the desk; and that it also be in order for Senator Bennet to call up Amendment No. 2826, a side-by-side amendment with respect to the McCain motion to commit (listed above); that no other amendments or motions to commit be in order during the pendency of these amendments and motion; that at 11:45 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786) (listed above), as amended; that upon disposition of the Mikulski Amendment; Senate then vote on or in relation to Murkowski amendment; that upon disposition of these two amendments, Senate continue to debate until 2:45 p.m., Bennet Amendment No. 2826, and McCain motion to commit (listed above); with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and McCain, or their designees; that at 2:45 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Bennet Amendment No. 2826, that upon disposition of that amendment, Senate vote on or in relation to McCain motion to commit (listed above); that prior to the second vote in each sequence, there be two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that each of the above referenced amendments or motion be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold, and that if the amendments or motion do not achieve that threshold, then they be withdrawn; provided further, that if any of the above listed achieve the 60 vote threshold, then the amendment or motion be agreed to; provided further, that it be in order if there is a request for the yeas and nays to be ordered with respect to that amendment or motion, regardless of achieving the 60 vote threshold; that if the yeas and nays requested are requested, the vote would occur immediately with no further debate in order with respect to this particular consent. **Pages S12150–52, S12259**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David W. Mills, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2011.

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DERIVATIVES REFORM AND SYSTEMIC RISK

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine over-the-counter derivatives reform and addressing systemic risk, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Johnathan Short, IntercontinentalExchange, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; and Peter Axilrod, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Blythe Masters, JPMorgan Chase and Co., and Jiro Okochi, Reval.com, Inc., all of New York, New York.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service, all of the Department of Defense.

Also, Committee ordered favorably reported 1,938 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation security challenges post-September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, after receiving testimony from Ray Kopp, Resources for the Future Climate Policy Program, Ted Gayer, Brookings Institution, and David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Jonathan M. Banks, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine; and John Alic, Avon, North Carolina.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health to examine the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act, focusing on obtaining more information on chemical risks, controlling these risks, and sharing information collected, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, and National